



Chicago Jewish Cemetery Desecrated

Civic leaders and religious groups in Chicago's South Shore section have merged efforts in an attempt to track down the desecrators of two Jewish cemeteries where nearly 200 gravestones were knocked over and broken. Above, a worker in Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, checks the widespread damage caused by mysterious vandals.

REFORM BODY ASKS MORE VISAS, FULFILLMENT OF MANDATE

CINCINNATI—The Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has requested the United States Representative to the United Nations to press for the admittance of as many Jews as possible to Palestine while the Palestine case is under consideration. In identically worded telegrams sent to President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Warren R. Austin, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, the U.S. Representative to the United Nations parley on Palestine was asked to "exert his best efforts toward the end that now, and until the report of the committee probably to be appointed shall be made, as many Jews as possible shall be admitted into Palestine."

The resolution further expressed "the hope that Great Britain will be asked to return now to its obligations and duties under the Mandate, which is still in force, and that the chief haven of refuge now possible for the pitiful remnant of Jews, especially in the displaced persons camps, shall be opened to them."

Lectures by four members of the Department of Hygiene and Bacteriology of the Hebrew University will be read at the Fourth

H. U. C. Head Named; Dr. Glueck Mentioned

CINCINNATI—The new president of the Hebrew Union College was to be selected here by the Board of Governors Wednesday.

The name mentioned as successor to Dr. Julian Morgenstern most often is that of Dr. Sheldon Glueck.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Writing in his Temple's Bulletin, Rabbi Henry Berkowitz made a personal prediction on the next president of the Hebrew Union College. He said he thought Dr. Sheldon Glueck would succeed Dr. Morgenstern.

International Congress for Microbiology to be held in Copenhagen from July 20-26.

Russia's Pro Arab Stand Puts U.S., Britain on Spot

Silver Urges U. S. To Uphold Zionists

World Wide News Service
LAKE SUCCESS—In the wake of a ringing plea by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver that the United States take the lead in the championship of the Jewish case before the U.N. Assembly, there were indications here at the opening of the U.N. Palestine session that the American delegation would most likely adopt a policy of "neutrality."

Dr. Silver's plea came at a press conference shortly before the convening of the U.N. session. Scathingly denouncing the British, Dr. Silver made an open bid for American championship of the Jewish case.

In most delegations it was felt that the attitude of the United States would be the greatest factor in determining the decision of the Assembly. American strategic and oil interests in the area are involved, as well as the strong support for Zionism in the United States.

It has been disclosed that the United States will oppose placing the Arab independence proposal on the agenda and it is believed that the United States wants itself and other great powers barred from the proposed committee of inquiry.

It is also generally supposed in United Nations circles that in a show down, Russia, which in the past has fought the Zionist movement, would support the Arabs. However, it is recognized that the Soviet policy is often very elastic and in some circles it is thought that Soviet policy might be altered should the Arab tie up with England be intensified.

Labor Party Resolution Would End White Paper

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—A lively debate on Palestine is foreshadowed with publication of a proposed resolution for discussion at the Labor Party's annual convention which opens at Margate on May 26. The resolution includes demands for abrogation of the White Paper and land restrictions and also the surrender of the Mandate to the U.N.

Ben Sugarman, of Toronto, has been appointed director of publicity for the Ontario British Flood Relief Campaign. Mr. Sugarman was formerly in the publicity office of the B'nai B'rith in Washington.

U. S. POSITION SEEN AS NEUTRAL AS ARAB DEMANDS DEBATED

FLUSHING MEADOWS—As debating proceeded in the U.N. Palestine session here, the positions the great powers are taking began to become clear.

Here is the way the line-up appeared by Wednesday:

Russia—pro-Arab.

Great Britain—trying not to appear pro-Arab, but may be maneuvered by Russia's stand into siding with Arabs.

United States—neutral.

Tuesday when the U.N. Steering Committee was trying to decide whether to accept or reject the request of five Arab member nations that an item be added to the agenda of the General Assembly urging the termination of the Palestine mandate and the proclamation of Palestine as an independent state, the cleavage between the three powers began to show itself more clearly.

The delegate of the United States in a long statement outlining the position of our government on the necessity to solve the Palestine problem in the interest of world peace announced that he will vote against the Arab request because it prejudices the decisions which the fact finding commission to be appointed by the General Assembly is to reach.

Gromyko speaking for the Soviet Union said that he is ready to vote in favor of including the Arab request in the agenda since such inclusion can only mean a wide discussion of the Palestine issue at the present session, but not the adoption of any basic decision by the session. A wide discussion in the assembly of the fundamental problems underlying the Palestine issue may only prove helpful to the fact finding committee in its work, Gromyko emphasized.

Poland Wants Jews Represented

Gromyko's views were apparently not shared by the delegation from Poland which usually supports the Soviet attitudes at United Nations meetings. The Polish delegate, Josef Winiewicz, announced that though the Arab request merits discussion he will abstain from voting on it since it would not be fair to have this request granted before the Jewish side is heard on the very important question of the termination of the Palestine mandate. He urged the admission of Jewish representation to the assembly and was the only member of the steering committee to make this recommendation.

Canada supported the view of the American delegation that the Arab request must be opposed because it prejudices the work of the projected fact finding committee. However, the delegates of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Saudi Arabia attacked the American opposition to the inclusion of their request in the agenda. The Polish delegate was similarly attacked by Arab delegates for his suggestion to admit a Jewish representation. The Egyptian delegate argued that such admission would be contrary to the U.N. charter and that the Jews can present their views to the fact finding committee if such is appointed.

5 Arab Nations On Steering Committee

All five Arab countries were admitted to participate in the steering committee even though four of them are not members of the committee. The four were seated without voting right, while Egypt, which is a member of the steering committee, had the right to vote. All five delivered bitter speeches against political Zionism and all of them opposed the creation of a fact finding committee and insisted on United Nations action on the Palestine issue at once.

The General Assembly has been postponed until the steering committee completes its hearings and votes on the Arab request and on whether to admit the Jewish Agency for participation in the discussion without a vote.

WISE TO DELIVER CENTENARY SERMON AT TEMPLE HE SPOKE ON JUBILEE

SPECIAL
BUFFALO—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who was present at the Diamond Jubilee 25 years ago, will deliver the Centenary Sermon at services marking the 100th anniversary of Temple Beth El here.

British Threaten Tel Aviv, Say Agency Yields, To Fight Extremists

By BERL CORALNIK

J. T. A. Correspondent
JERUSALEM—As the United Nations Assembly on Palestine opened this week, the Jews of Palestine—most of whom expect little from the U.N. deliberations—were faced with a threat of collective punishment if underground activity continues.

High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham notified Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv that the next time a post office vehicle is stolen in any part of the country, the postal and telephone services in Tel Aviv, both of which are operated by the government, will be cut off. Mayor Rokach immediately protested "this new form of collective punishment," which makes Tel Aviv responsible for crimes which may be committed elsewhere.

A post office truck was used to smuggle in a land mine which blasted the Saronia police barracks on

Friday, killing four British policemen and wounding five others. The attack was carried out by Sternists.

The High Commissioner's warning came on the heels of a denial by Jewish Agency circles of a report which has been circulating here for several days that it was drawing up a plan for complete cooperation with the government in suppressing terrorism. The Agency sources labelled the rumored plan "purely imaginative."

The plan is allegedly to be approved at a meeting of the Agency executive and is to be submitted to the government. Unconfirmed rumors state that the government will make no political concessions to the Jewish community in return.

Government quarters insist that the Agency undertook to draft the plan because it feared the ef-

fects of the reimposition of martial law on the community. They also assert that the Agency has already communicated the gist of the proposal to the government, which agreed not to place Tel Aviv under "control" following the explosion at the Saronia barracks.

It is learned that at last week's meetings between High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham and David Ben Gurion and between Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney and Goldie Meirson, the government officials warned that in the event of further proclamations of martial law the military would not be responsible for the welfare of the Jews. Persistent rumors credit the military authorities with threatening to let the troops "blow off steam" in the event of further violence.

NEW YORK

By M. Z. FRANK

RUMOR has it that the so-called Zionist opposition has decided to ditch Rabbi Heller and to back Ed Kaufman as the Man on Horseback who is to save American Zionism.

This makes the so-called Zionist Opposition more and more a theoretic, academic, abstract question, a fit text for a sermon on politics in Zionism but not an actual issue. Now for the sermon.

Oppositions are good for a movement. In the Canadian Parliament the leader of the Opposition gets a government salary. An opposition criticizes, keeps the administration on its toes, forces the supporters of the administration to examine and re-examine the acts of the administration and to use pressure for bringing about the necessary improvements and reforms. An opposition can be useful without ever getting into power.

But an opposition must have some policy, it must have an issue.

IN THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION there have always been real issues. When Brandeis fought Weizmann, he had an issue. When Nordau and Jabotinsky fought Weizmann, they had an issue. When Mizrahi made demands for the recognition of the sanctity of Jewish religious tradition in publicly-supported institutions, there was an issue. When there was the question of considering the British proposal for partition in 1937, there was an issue. When there was the question of accepting Bevin's invitation to the London Conference, in 1947, there was an issue. Plenty of issues, plenty of policies, plenty of opposition. Meir Grossman represents a Zionist party which is not in the coalition and is therefore in the opposition to the administration of the World Zionist Organization. Talk to Grossman for five minutes and you'll see he advocates a policy which is different from the one followed by the administration. His opposition is real, not phoney.

In the Zionist Organization of America there were only two major issues within the past twenty-five years; one, when Brandeis fought Weizmann and lost; the other, when Silver fought Wise and won.

To be sure, there were personal elements in each fight. But the main issue was not personal. In each of the two cases the fight was about a real and honest difference of views on how to achieve the aims of the Zionist ideal.

IN 1922 Brandeis felt that the European Zionists did not know how to run things and that American Zionists ought to come in and take over and streamline the movement their way. In 1945 Silver and Neumann thought that Zionists had been too soft, too meek and that a new and more vigorous approach was required. In each case there was something real to fight about. In the intermediate period of twenty-five years, there has been plenty of scrapping in the ZOA, but there was very little to scrap about. There were no real issues.

And there aren't any today either.

I don't mean that there is nothing wrong in the ZOA. I mean that there is no group organized to propose what it thinks would be better or even merely different.

Let us take an example of cultural work. I think—excuse me, I know—that the ZOA has not done nearly enough to educate its membership in the bare rudiments of Zionism, not to speak of anything more ambitious. I think the book publishing program of the ZOA lacks intelligent planning. If I were to organize a group of ZOA members who would make it their business to demand that a certain cultural policy were carried out, either by pressure on the present administration or by backing another one, I would have something like a potential opposition.

Or, take another example. If the ZOA administration should adopt an anti-labor policy, it would be easy to organize among the ZOA members a pro-labor group which, if the issue were fought out in an election, could easily give the anti-labor group a sound thrashing.

But these two examples are merely hypothetical. There is no organized group of Zionists—unfortunately—ready to make an issue of cultural work; and there is no immediate danger of the ZOA administration becoming anti-labor. (If it ever should, it is sure to break its neck!)

AND YET, there is a so-called opposition. The opposition is looking for an issue. Anything will do that may embarrass the present ZOA Administration. When somebody spreads the canard that the ZOA administration is opposed to halutzim in America, then the very people who always opposed halutzim suddenly become its champions. The truth of the matter is that it is among the opponents of the present administration that the most violent opposition to halutzim can be found. The truth is that Louis Levinthal only recently referred to American halutzism as mere misfits and that Shlomo Bardin has been drawing his inspiration in his discouragement (to use a mild expression) of the formation of pioneer groups in America from the leaders he tries to please—and they are in the opposition.

Recently, when a group of halutzim training for service in Palestine at Hightstown, N. J., found themselves suddenly without a roof over their heads after a fire, a campaign was undertaken to help them rebuild their farm buildings. Louis Levinthal was perturbed by the fact that the members of the said farm were not General Zionists but Labor Zionists (Hashomer Hatzair, as it happens). He thereupon made an inquiry of the President of the Confederation of General Zionists asking for a ruling. The President of the General Zionists Rabbi Israel Goldstein replied. Neither the query nor the reply reflect any glory on either. Goldstein is with the administration. Levinthal is in the opposition. That is like one member of the NAM, who is a Republican, writing to the President of the NAM, who is a Democrat in 1942, asking for a ruling whether good solid American citizens may be permitted to equip a canteen for soldiers stationed in their vicinity when it is known that the rookies have been known to strike for better wages and to have voted for a Liberal Party candidate. But the NAM never stooped to such practices—at least, not openly.

ANOTHER PILLAR of the Opposition is Robert Szold, whose fight against Labor has been his consistent policy throughout his career as a leading Zionist.

Whatever may be wrong with the ZOA, the Superannuated Presidents in Search of a Policy will not remedy it.

There is no opposition in the ZOA, though there may be dis-

Rabbi Weinstein 'Disturbed' By Magazines' Effort

B'nai B'rith Women Elect Mrs. A. Orlow

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mrs. Abram Orlow, Philadelphia, was elected national president of the B'nai B'rith Women's Supreme Council at the final session of the organization's meeting here in the Shoreham Hotel. Mrs. Orlow succeeds Mrs. Ida Cook Farber of New York.

Other officers elected for one-year terms were: Mrs. Hyman C. Weisman, St. Louis, first vice-president; Mrs. Maurice Bisgyer, second vice-president, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Max Katz, Brookline, Mass., third vice-president; Mrs. Dal Siegel, Salt Lake City, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Solovitch, Detroit, historian; Mrs. Arthur G. Laufman, Chicago, counselor; and Mrs. M. A. Temerson, Tuscaloosa, Ala., secretary.

Specific action was taken to contribute to a B'nai B'rith Home in Palestine for children who have escaped war-ravaged Europe, and consideration was given for financial aid in establishing a Girls' School in Jerusalem.

National contributions to overseas and domestic community projects totaled \$600,000 for last year compared to \$275,000 in 1945. The financial increase was coupled with a gain in membership from 65,000 in 1945 to the present total of 90,000.

Inter-faith Incidents Reported From Boston

Two unusual interfaith services have been reported recently from the Boston area.

In Somerville, Mass., Rabbi Leo Shubow, of Temple B'nai B'rith, occupied the pulpit of his old schoolmate, the Rev. William T. Howe, of the Winter Hill Congregational Church, across the street from the Temple. The two were classmates at Boston Latin School and at Harvard.

Rabbi Norman Goldburg of Temple Israel, Brockton, Mass., also spoke at the Sunday evening service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, where Dean Edwin J. van Etten is pastor. The custom was initiated several years ago at Passover.

At the close of the High Holiday season it also is customary for a rabbi to deliver the sermon, accompanied by the blowing of the Shofar, from the steps of the Cathedral.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates of the world's citrus crop for 1946, Palestine has risen to second place in the list of grapefruit-producing countries, and sixth in orange and lemon production.

affection in the ranks here and there. And that's not good. A real good opposition must come from the ranks, from the younger and more vigorous members, not from the ex-officios. Take England: Churchill is so much smarter than Attlee; and yet he does not stand a chance against him. When they talk of a change in the British government, they have in mind, the back-benchers, the younger men of the Labor Party. Or, take in this country: what chance has Herbert Hoover against Harry Truman?

And don't forget that the man who is likely to succeed Silver, Emanuel Neumann, is smarter than Attlee and Truman, and that his potential opponents are not quite Churchills or even Hoovers.

So I guess we'll have to elect Neumann and then start organizing a real opposition and give him the works.

I AM GRATEFUL to Rabbi Norman Goldburg of Brockton, Mass., for several things. In the first place, I find it interesting to see a rabbi in Israel worry so much about what the Americans think of the Jews, and what the British think of the Jews and what the Arabs think of the Jews and what Crossman thinks of American Jews, and worry so little about the fate of the DP's and the memories of the gas-chambers and the deportations to Cyprus.

There are a few other matters. But I am sure other commentators will also think of them. For me the first one is plenty.

SPECIAL CHICAGO—Saying he was disturbed, Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, writing in the K. A. M. News of the congregation he heads, characterized as "a program to anesthetize the people," bring about a revival of mystical religion by "Life," "Time" and "Fortune" magazines.

Rabbi Weinstein points out that "Life" in its April 7 issue, expresses the judgment that "ethics and morality in the sense of group standards of behavior are not the essential core of religion."

"The essence of the religious experience, according to the 'Life' editors, is a mystical communion, an ineffable something that happens to a man and forever changes his life," Rabbi Weinstein wrote. "They stress the contributions of the saints and the mystics who fled this world in their zeal to taste the glory of the other world. The Church is founded on the A-rational of these zealots. 'Life's' editors seem to imply that only the church that can enflame such enthusiasm will survive." It appears a bit paradoxical at first hand, that the slickest of all slick magazines should press so hard for a mystical revival—just as it seemed somewhat puzzling that the very clever politician-playwright, Claire Luce, wife of the publisher, should have forsaken psychoanalysis and liberalism and found refuge in the broad bosom of the Catholic Church.

JEWISH TAILOR WOUNDED AIDING COP GETS CARNEGIE MEDAL, \$80 A MONTH

By ROBERT S. FORD

BALTIMORE—Simon Fried, the 38-year-old tailor of this city who was wounded seriously while going to the aid of a disarmed policeman last August, has been awarded a medal for heroism by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, and, will receive a monthly pension of \$80 a month.

Mr. Fried was sitting on the front steps of his home when the policeman was knocked unconscious by a man he attempted to arrest.

When he saw the assailant pointing a gun at the policeman, Mr. Fried ran across the street, picked up the patrolman's pistol and ordered the man to leave the officer alone. The man fired at Mr. Fried, wounding him in the side and permanently crippling him.

Saves Policeman



SIMON FRIED

Catholic Magazine Features Passover Story

SPECIAL

ST. PAUL—Add to concrete instances of inter-faith cooperation, the featuring as one of its leading articles a story on Passover in the April issue of "Catholic Youth," published here. The article was written by Rabbi Saul B. Appelbaum of Mt. Zion Temple, and recounts a visit of a Catholic High School youth to the home of his Jewish friend at the first Seder.

Institute For Christian Women

SPECIAL

PHILADELPHIA—An Institute on Judaism for Christian Church women, was held here Thursday, at Rodeph Shalom Temple, under the auspices of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and 4 local Temple Sisterhoods, in cooperation with the Women's Division of the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

Palestine Delegate To Attend B.B. Meet

SPECIAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Palestine will be represented for the first time in the 103-years history of B'nai B'rith at its triennial convention May 11 to 15, when Justice Gad Frumkin, president of the Palestine District of B'nai B'rith, attends the sessions here. Justice Frumkin is a member of Palestine's supreme court.

Among the other delegates from abroad will be M. Gordon Liverman of London, England, a past president of the British District Grand Lodge.

The convention will bring more than 400 delegates to Washington—the largest number in the 103 year history of the B'nai B'rith.

B'nai B'rith Aids Disaster Victims

SPECIAL

HOUSTON—Before official appeals had been made by the Red Cross, the Houston B'nai B'rith Organizations had sent \$800 to the disaster victims at Texas City, according to The Jewish Herald-Voice of this city. The first explosions were hardly over when local B'nai B'rith leaders called on the audience attending the Molly Picon concert to add to the \$250 already allocated by the Lodges. \$450 was collected.

The check for \$700 was mailed to the Red Cross, earmarked for the Texas City sufferers, that night by Dr. Marcus Levinson, chairman of the Houston B'nai B'rith Council, and receipt acknowledged on Thursday, before official appeals had been made in behalf of the Texas City survivors.

Anti-Zionism Is Democracy — Rosenwald States Council's Stand

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
PHILADELPHIA—The anti-Zionist views of the American Council for Judaism were outlined here by Lessing Rosenwald, president of the organization, before the American Philosophical Society.

"The anti-Zionist goal equates completely and is dependent on the democratic goal," he said. "It maintains that in a democratic world, the proposal of a Jewish state is destructive. Adherents of this philosophy, therefore, will turn for a solution to the fullest expression of democratic concepts and to a worldwide acceptance of the sanctity of the individual and fundamental human rights."

A different idea is expressed by Zionism, Rosenwald added. "Zionism is founded on the idea that Jews are elements of a nation; that these elements suffer from a sense of 'homelessness' and will remain so unless they possess a sovereign territory of their own; that when and if such sovereign territory were acquired, the problem of Jews would be substantially solved. The national element of Zionism is thus basic.

"Grant the nationalist's premise that Jews are a nation," he continued, "suffering from a sense of homelessness and from a lack of a special national home, and it follows that the problem can be resolved only by the creation of a Jewish State or commonwealth. In other words, Zionism is linked to a formula for Jewish territorial sovereignty. According to the Zionists even the most genuine and thoroughly developed democracy is incapable of solving the problems of the Jews." Widespread democracy, Mr. Rosenwald asserted, is fundamentally destructive of Jewish nationalism insofar as its values tend to eliminate the yearning for a separate national existence.

Rosenwald, Lippman Elected

Special
PHILADELPHIA—Lessing Rosenwald and Walter Lippman were among twenty-four persons who were elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society.

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Allen Lesser Resigns As Jewish News Editor

Special
NEWARK—Allen Lesser, editor of The Jewish News, paper owned by the Jewish Community Council of Essex County,

Lesser Takes Menorah Post
Special
NEW YORK—The appointment of Allen Lesser as managing editor of The Menorah Journal was announced here yesterday by Henry Hurwitz, editor. Mr. Lesser was editor of The Jewish News, of Newark.

has resigned. Mr. Lesser has been under fire from Zionists who objected to an editorial blaming demands for statehood for the refusal to allow more immigrants into Palestine.

Mr. Lesser's resignation was announced in last week's issue on the last page.

Previously a meeting of the Community Council and of the Council's Editorial Board had been called to discuss the editorial in question.

Argentine Jews Plan Own School System

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
BUENOS AIRES—As a result of the new law making instruction in Catholicism compulsory in the Argentine public school system, private Jewish schools will soon be founded throughout the country, Jewish circles here predicted. The Senate last week passed the measure without discussion, giving it immediate legal effect.

I. J. N. Buys Own Plant

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
DENVER—The development of the Intermountain Jewish News, Denver weekly newspaper, into a widely recognized leading religious journal was climaxed with an announcement by Editor Robert S. Gamzey and Publisher Max Goldberg of the purchase of the Associated Publishers printing plant.

The first issue of the Jewish News published at its own plant carried a number of congratulatory messages hailing the paper as one of the best English-Jewish weeklies in America. Senator Ed



To Guide Sessions Hearing JWB Survey of Itself

These nationally known leaders of the National Jewish Welfare Board will preside over the five committees into which all delegates to JWB's annual convention in Pittsburgh, May 10-12, will be grouped for discussion of the findings and recommendations of the report of the JWB Survey Commission, which will be made public at the annual meeting. Each committee will deal with one of the broad areas of the report.

UAHC Board Votes To Move to New York

Special
CINCINNATI, O.—A recommendation that the executive offices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations be moved to New York City was unanimously adopted by the Executive Board at the semi-annual meeting held here.

The recommendation, which has to be approved by the next General Assembly of the Union in Boston, November 14-17, 1948, provides that "the executive headquarters of the Union be moved to New York, retaining in Cincinnati either permanently or at least for the immediate future, such departments of the Union as may more efficiently and economically be operated there, including a Regional Office in Cincinnati."

The Union was founded in Cincinnati in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Meyer Wise.

The Board announced the appointment of Oscar M. Lazrus of New York as National Finance Chairman of the 750,000 joint maintenance campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College.

U.S. Not to Follow British at UN Meet

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LAKE SUCCESS—The United States and Britain will not follow a joint policy at the special session of the U.N. General Assembly on Palestine, although they both oppose Arab demands for a full-dress debate on Palestine, it was learned here.

Both American and British officials denied that their governments are conferring on the adoption of a joint policy at the Assembly. "We are preparing our own policy," a spokesman for the U.S. delegation said. "There is no joint policy and we are not discussing any." The American delegation will be augmented by seven State Department advisors headed by Loy Henderson, chief of the Department's Near East Division.

C. Johnson and Gov. Lee Knous were among the celebrities who sent messages of good will.

Complaints On Butchers Sifted In Detroit Some Testified, Others Not

Special
DETROIT—The International Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council disclosed this week in a preliminary report on an investigation of charges of excessive prices for kosher meats in Detroit that some of the complaints were justified and some not.

One of the most serious situations uncovered in the inquiry was the existence of different prices in different kosher shops for the same meats.

Council, League Oppose Agency Seating

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—The Council for Judaism's New York Chapter has advised members of Congress that it rejects the efforts of the Jewish Agency to obtain recognition at the United Nations as

Huge Crowd at League Protest

NEW YORK — An open air protest meeting against the execution of Jews in Palestine was held here at Madison Square Park, attended by a huge crowd. The meeting was sponsored by the American League for a Free Palestine. Speakers included Charles Connolly, publisher of the "Irish Echo," Prof. John J. Smertenko and others.

the authorized spokesman for the Jewish people. The Council requested the Congressmen to convey to the U.S. delegation that "as citizens of the United States we regard our only spokesman before the United Nations to be the duly constituted representatives of the United States of America."

The American League for a Free Palestine also opposed Agency representation, asserting in a letter to U.S. chief delegate Warren Austin that to grant the Agency plea would "be tantamount to official recognition that Jewish citizens of countries other than Palestine are not full citizens or have dual allegiance." It asked him to back the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation demand for seating of a "Hebrew national delegation."

New Committee Named

The investigation has resulted in plans to set up a new body to handle such complaints. The new group will be composed of all parties, including representatives of the Community Council, the Council of Orthodox Rabbis and the Kosher Butchers Association and Wholesale Meat Dealers.

The butchers told the investigating committee that Jewish housewives demand the choicest cuts and ignore the cheaper ones which cost less than in non-kosher shops. The probe disclosed that it is possible to buy certain kosher meats for as little as 10 cents a pound and to find a \$1.25 per pound price tag on the best meats.

Would Do Own Policing

The Butchers Association said, in reference to the problem of varying prices for the same cuts, that most of its members stick to the maximum price list recently put into effect and invited the public to notify the Council office of the names of violators. The Association promised prompt action in such cases though the nature of the proposed action was not disclosed.

During the past year, twelve congregations have joined the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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A Weekly Digest of

The Yiddish Press

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

Yiddish Press Sees Little Hope From Palestine Session

Why did yourself? America is veering to the British side in the Palestine crisis. America's with England on most things. Why, the DAY'S Dingol points out, our friend Sen. Vandenberg made a big speech about the Middle East—Greece, Turkey, etc.—and didn't even mention Eretz. (Which highlights the Zionist error in trying to link the Holy Land with Greece, he says. Do you expect the U. S. to quit fighting Soviet expansion, if Britain isn't nice about Palestine?)

U.N. machinery is in England's favor, the DAY and Zivion (FORWARD) agree. Practically all commentators see Britain keeping Palestine, and eventually getting everything she wants. She'll delay things, and delay and delay. However, Meir Grossman (DAY) feels that physical resistance in Palestine is preventing too much of a delay. He's in the minority, though. "We Jews," the DAY sums up, "can expect very little from the U.N. Certainly, no final solution."

The FREIHEIT scorns talk of statehood and "unlimited immigration." It wants "democracy" with Jews and Arabs getting together. As usual, that's about all—the Communist line.

Dispensations For Treffe Food

A Chicago rabbi was asked for a "special dispensation" for an Orthodox Jew to eat treffe at banquets. This came out in the JOURNAL, which published an

account of a Shul president whose daughter's wedding was catered by Gentiles at a non-kosher hotel, following which, the traditional blessings were sung. It's getting typical, the editor asserts sadly. "A kind of cynicism has eaten into American Judaism."

In Cairo Arabs Snub Jewish Friends

In Cairo, the Arabs snub their Jewish friends now. The air has become "chilly." Margoshes (DAY) adds, "People who were wont to spend afternoons together in cafes or clubs pass each other like ships in the night."

And, horrors! "Jews are practically thrown upon each other socially."

Jews Leave England For Canada and Australia

Jews are leaving Britain, S. Dorfson cables (AMERIKANER). It might be a declining economy, bad business, Europe's atomic war danger, etc. (They're going to Australia and Canada). But the real reasons are Jewish. Too much new anti-Semitism in England. And indifferent Jews, ashamed to leave Judaism while at home, are getting converted to Christianity, as they emigrate. A minority, of course.

Two More Views On Palestine Before UN

Grossman castigates the Zionist leadership which now allows Britain "to take the offensive" as an aggrieved party, before U.N. We should have jumped the gun, and indicted Britain ourselves, long ago. Dingol believes this can still be done. We can accuse England—and the world! But (here's the surprise from a former militant), don't ask for a Jewish State! That will be fuel for the British-Arab fire. No State for the time being—and you can have a taking of the offensive.

Notes

Forty-two-year-old Robert Oppenheimer now heads Princeton's Institute of Advanced Studies. A world genius. He was in charge of the war's atomic production. They won't let him rest; though he's so tired he wanted to quit thinking, and "open a lunchroom in Los Angeles." He reads Hindu literature, and seven "foreign

languages" (not Hebrew, I presume). His wife was Katherine Harrison; and his children are Peter and Katherine. He makes his own scrambled eggs for breakfast; "but I think, without bacon"; hopes tre FORWARD'S N. Zalowitz.

Ernest Bloch composes Jewish ritual music; but not because he wants to, meows I. Rabinowitz (ZUKUNFT). He just made up his mind he has Jewish blood, so his personality has to be expressed with Jewish music. He's not a national Jew, or active in the movement.

Now, in the ZUKUNFT, the non-Zionist Hillel Rogoff has admitted, "Time has proved, that in the great debate about Eretz, the pro-Palestine faction was right." His new view coincides with his conviction that "the reports that you get from behind the Soviet curtain are very mournful." He always was anti-Soviet. (And the Communists are now anti-Zionist).

Palestine's S. Israeli wires the FORWARD that everything is all mixed up. The Soviets, he hears, are aiding the terrorists. But the Arabs are too, for they hate England. Many factions will do anything for money. And the British are rotten. And the Communists hate Zionism. So figure it out.

N. Y. Drive Opens For Jewish University

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—The New York Associates of Brandeis University was organized here at a luncheon sponsored by the Albert Einstein Foundation as the opening gun of the Foundation's campaign to raise New York City's share of the national quota of \$15,000,000 for the University, which is scheduled to begin functioning at Waltham, Mass., in the fall of 1948.

S. Ralph Lazarus, president of the Foundation announced that the climax of the fund raising campaign in his city would be reached at a dinner meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on June 5.

George Alpert, president of the University's Board of Trustees, reported that \$1,000,000 had already been contributed or pledged in Boston.

Forward To Mark Fiftieth Anniversary

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK — The Jewish Daily Forward, largest Yiddish daily newspaper in the world, this week began a three-month celebration of its 50th anniversary which will culminate at a mass-meetings at Madison Square Garden on May 25, arranged by more than 100 labor organizations, with Abraham Cahan, 87-year-old editor of the Forward, as guest of honor.

The newspaper's jubilee will also be celebrated in Chicago, Philadelphia, Newark, Boston, Baltimore, Detroit and Los Angeles where the Forward has branch offices. Founded in 1897, the Forward is a non-profit newspaper devoted to strengthening the labor union movement among Jews. It is pro-Zionist and anti-Communist and has been a Social-Democratic organ since its inception.

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By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

The Incident in Yonkers

T WAS raining cats and dogs, but Heine's ghost hung blandly over Yonkers. Our Heinrich had said, "No matter what, the Jews gets it in the gizzard." Closeted, Bill Williams, school superintendent, was having a fight with his board chairman. Bill wanted new teachers hired; John L. Class didn't. All right, said Bill, make them temporary. This was too much for Class. "I have seen that attitude," he reportedly cried, "the attitude of some of the Jewish race; and I know how they function." (There were no Jews there, and Jews weren't in question. Did he mean: "You teachers are like Jews; give them a finger and they'll take a hand"? Buess Heine was right).



A reporter was there, which John forgot. Denunciations came. John denied. He explained. "You remind me of an attorney, a Jewish friend, who went into court, and talked and talked. . . ." Nothing else. Also, he opposed any board chairman's being prejudiced.

The Jews accepted this. Federation praised his "excellent affirmation of the basic principles of American democracy." And told everyone to stop mulling it over.

Possibly, this is the pattern for handling such things. It might happen to you. Your reaction would be interesting.

Jacob Paints the Church Fence on Saturday

Little Jacob was painting the church fence one Saturday morning. The other Scouts were doing it, too. "Our whole troop is helping," the boy told me proudly; "it's a good deed." You see, he's a Jew, but his parents are "liberal," and don't believe in "segregating" kids in Jewish troops. So there he was.

There's so much blamed liberalism around, of this type, that it's interesting to have N.Y. Boy Scout headquarters tell you they frown on it. There are too many Jews unwelcome in church troops; and vice-versa. And the Catholics are completely off by themselves.

Yes, there are "community" troops. But, states official Vitalius, these are but one-third of total. Two-thirds are church and Shul.

Zionism and the American Jewish Congress

As we go to press, leftists and "anti-pinks" are both anxious about the American Jewish Congress, and how it will jump. Dr. Wise never thought he'd see the day, but even Zionism is in question. The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council asked that all wire Truman and Austin to put Jewish Commonwealth and free immigration before U.N. Organization after organization responded. Only Brooklyn's Congress did nothing, Council sources tell me. (The Communist line is anti-Zionist; and 30 People's Fraternal Order delegates hold balance in Brooklyn Congress administration). As far as National is concerned, Dr. Wise is being helped by a group which introduced a resolution at the National Administrative meeting, Wednesday night, to reaffirm Zionism, and actually do something. Last November, it was words. 'Twas a Zionist resolution, then. "To date, no action has been taken to put this resolution into effect"; and they mean incidents like Brooklyn. Will tell you out-come next week.

Here and There

WESTCHESTER, N. Y.—How terrorism has hurt cause of Jews, is illustrated by difficulties of Christian Palestine Committee here. Rev. Wendell Phillips used to speak for us. Now, he's told fellow-ministers to "lie low." Things are "too explosive." At least one Christian chapter died, after that.

NEWARK, N. J.—The Jewish News no longer has Allen Lesser as editor. You see, it's owned by community, and an editorial displeased them. This columnist knows that one man's personal peeve, plus mass telephoning on pretext of editorial, got Lesser out. First non-Lesser issue is inferior and tasteless. That's what happens to independent writers when federation owns a paper.

BRONX—At 1709 Nelson Ave. they'll say kaddish for anyone you want. \$20 per year. These offers are springing up.

NEW YORK—Rabbis Robert Gordis and Nathan Perilman join Common Cause, militantly anti-Communist and anti-Fascist group. Also members, are Louis Mann, Mordecai Brill, and Benjamin Schultz.

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y.—Famous Bader and Fairview kosher hotels, cut prices 10%.

LONDON—Daily Telegraph an Orthodox "expert." Says two Eretz suicides shouldn't have had regular burial. Against our religion, it declares. Ridiculous, cries Rabbi Eliezer Silver, of Cincinnati. Even suicides can be regularly buried; if their deed saves them from "monsters."

Oldest Youth Group Marks 35th Year

CLEVELAND — The largest temple youth group in the country, and possibly the oldest, celebrated its 35th birthday Saturday, April 26, when the Euclid Avenue Temple Alumni Association held its 35th Anniversary Dinner Dance. The first president of the group, Maurice W. Bruml, and the current president, Eugene Bondy, a fifth generation affiliate of the century old congregation, were among speakers including Rabbi Barnett Brickner.



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Need For Books Grows As Requests Mount: SOS Joins Drive

Special
NEW YORK—Turning its attention to the cultural hunger of the surviving Jews of Europe, the J.D.C. has thrown the weight of its SOS campaign behind a drive for books and magazines. The American Jewish Congress has been engaged in such a drive for many months.

Reporting mounting requests from the DP camps, the JDC said that four out of five appeals request books in Yiddish.

The JDC report says:

"High on the list are pleas for books containing Yiddish and Hebrew dramas. Young and old crave fiction and non-fiction—especially in the languages native to the European survivors; Yiddish, Hebrew,

French, Rumanian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, German and Polish.

"Important, too, are picture-books for children, because pictures are the same in any language.

"Jewish doctors, psychiatrists, laboratory technicians, surgeons and dentists, who spent years under the most difficult conditions, attempting to cope with the medical problems peculiar to war persecution (disease control, emergency surgery, etc.), now request English scientific manuals to help them in re-training programs, and to bring themselves up-to-date on current research and techniques. "Current" to the Jewish survivors includes material published as long ago as 1937. SOS National Headquarters has

a list of the pamphlets and manuals most urgently needed by these gallant professionals.

"A special problem is the shortage of scientific textbooks. Jewish student attendance at colleges and universities is increasing steadily, and specific requests single out textbooks in the fields of mathematics, physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, economics and history. These textbooks are chiefly desired in European languages.

"After more than a decade of struggling for mere existence, the Jewish survivors in Europe today can begin to live life, not just in terms of the present—where the next meal will come from; where the night will be spent—but also in terms of preparing for a happy and productive future."

Witness Charges Jews Lined Up Against Walls As MPs Use Clubs

By ROBERT GARY

J.T.A. Correspondent

MUNICH (JTA)—Brig. Gen. Joshua Dalby, commander of the Munich area, this week admitted that military police had acted badly last Tuesday night when they assaulted a meeting of 40 members of the Agudas Israel, injuring two seriously. Gen. Dalby said that the German woman who precipitated the riot was being held pending the filing of specific charges and that her companion, Corp. James Christian, would probably be court-martialed.

Military authorities concede that Christian and Helga Rietz, the woman involved, were "under alcoholic influence when the incident occurred." Gen. Dalby denied, however, that there had been any excessive mistreatment of the DP's, asserting that an Army physician who examined them found that the only two with serious injuries were Rabbi Mashe Blau, of Bad Reichenall, and Eliezer Weinberger, of the Ulm Camp, whose legs were broken when they jumped from a window in the restaurant where the assault took place.

Dalby, who has promised to use the case for further indoctrination of troops as to relations with DP's, called in a delegation headed by Rabbi Naftali Baruch, director of the Vaad Hatzala here, and expressed regret concerning the incident, explaining that it had occurred spontaneously and was the result of provocation and general misunderstanding.

Ludwig Braun, a German from whom two DP's rent space for the kosher restaurant, backed the charges of the Agudah victims. He said that the soldier and his fraulein had been drunk and that the latter had beaten several of the DP's. He also confirmed that all the Jews had been forced to line up against the walls with their hands in the air, and were struck with truncheons by the military police if they attempted to lower their arms.

Fischul Finkelstein, co-owner of the restaurant, who was not present during the violence, was subjected to a violent search when he returned after he had told a guard, in reply to a ques-

tion, that he was Jewish. Gen. Dalby, however, vehemently denied that such questioning was standard practice.

Egypt Halts Train Traffic

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A spokesman for the railway administration revealed that Egypt has refused to send further trains into Palestine unless the government can guarantee their safety. A passenger train scheduled to leave Cairo for Palestine was cancelled and all Egyptian stationmasters were instructed not to load trains with goods destined to cross Palestine.



Germany's 1st Rabbi

The only rabbi in all Germany, Dr. Michael L. Munk, will leave next week for Berlin where he will become spiritual leader of the 7,500 Jews now living there. Son of the Chief Rabbi of the Berlin Orthodox Community, whose assistant he had been, 42-year-old Rabbi Munk escaped to the U.S. in 1938.

VISCOUNT SAMUEL CRITICIZES U.S. ZIONISTS, ASKS FOR VISAS

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—American Zionists were criticized this week in the House of Lords by Viscount Herbert Samuel in the course of a debate on the Palestine question, in which he demanded the admission of 50,000 Jews annually to Palestine and condemned terrorism. The American Zionists, the first High Commissioner for Palestine said, made an "unfortunate

Agency Challenges Hall Charges

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — At a press conference here an Agency spokesman ridiculed statements in the House of Lords that \$30,000,000 had been collected in the United States to buy ships for illegal immigration and guns for terrorists. He also challenged an allegation that thousands of Jews might have drowned if not for British warships, declaring that the reverse was true; were it not for the British Navy, many Jews now dead might be alive.

He expressed his opposition to the partitioning of Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states and advocated bi-nationalism.

In condemning terrorism in Palestine, Viscount Samuel said that "the Jewish population of Palestine as well as the Jewish Agency is blameworthy for not having extirpated this curse." He emphasized that all the Jews in Palestine support the demand for free immigration, and asked whether there was any clause in the Palestine Mandate authorizing Britain to halt immigration. First Lord of the Admiralty

4 IN 10 NOT OPPOSED TO ACTS AGAINST JEWS—BERNSTEIN

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON—Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, recently returned from Germany where he is special advisor on Jewish problems to American Military Governor Lucius D. Clay and to Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general in Austria, told a press conference here that "fundamentally, there is no future for the Jews in Germany."

Asch's 'East River' Wins Him \$1,000

NEW YORK—Sholem Asch has been named one of two winners of the \$1,000 Anisfield-Wolf Award for the best book in the field of racial relations for his novel, "East River." Pauline R. Kibbe won a similar amount for her book, "Latin Americans in Texas."

Completes Book on Reform

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Rabbi Sylvan D. Schwartzmann has completed the second draft of his forthcoming book, "The Story of Reform Judaism." The volume will be published by the CCAR-UAHC Commission on Jewish Education.

George Hall denounced the campaign "to raise \$30,000,000 in the United States for encouraging illegal immigration and buying guns" and for "openly advocating the support of the terrorists who are shooting down British soldiers." On the other hand, he admitted that during recent months the Jewish Agency has done much to cooperate with the British authorities in Palestine and that it has denounced terrorism. However, he claimed that the Haganah could do more to check violence in Palestine than it does.

Mark 60th Anniversary

Tyler, Tex., Congregation Beth El is observing the 60th anniversary of its founding. Rabbi Harvey E. Wessel is spiritual leader.

To Confer with Haiti Officials

Special
NEW YORK—Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, head of the political department of the World Jewish

The two possible solutions to the overall problem of displaced persons is emigration either to Palestine or to the United States, he said.

An army survey on anti-Semitism in the American zone, Bernstein pointed out, concluded that "four in ten Germans are so strongly imbued with anti-Semitism that it is very doubtful that they would object to overt action against the Jews."

Zionists, Non Zionists Split In Britain

LONDON—The Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association has voted to withdraw its representatives from the Board of Deputies of British Jews in view of the failure to reconstitute the Joint Foreign Committee. The latter body, which was liquidated in 1943, consisted of an equal number of representatives of the Deputies and the Association and took joint action on matters affecting Jews abroad.

Speakers at the Council session stressed the "anomalous position" of the Association in remaining a part of the Board, although the policies of the two groups are opposed. The Board is militantly pro-Zionist, while the Association is non-Zionist. Leonard Stein, president of the AJA, discussing the forthcoming U.N. meeting on Palestine, deplored "some of the none too felicitous Jewish Agency pronouncements in New York."

Congress, has left for Haiti, to confer with the president and cabinet of the republic on the possibility of admitting a number of skilled workers and technicians from among the Jewish refugees in Europe.

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Lewis On Books

By DR. THEODORE N. LEWIS

"JACOB'S DREAM," by Richard Beer-Hofmann, with a Biographical Essay by Solomon Liptzin. 175 Pages. Price \$2.00. Jewish Publication Society.

"JACOB'S DREAM" is a noble and daring interpretation of the destiny and mission of the Jew. It is an interpretation which we American Jews need desperately.

Dr. Solomon Liptzin, whose "Germany's Step-children" is a significant book, contributes a comprehensive biographical essay on Richard Beer-Hofmann, and of his Viennese milieu, concentrating on the spiritual motives which moved the gifted dramatist.

Born on July 11, 1866, to a well-to-do Viennese family, Richard Beer-Hofmann did not yield, as did so many



of his companions to the skepticism of the environment and to the cynicism towards Judaism and Israel characteristic of so-called emancipated Jews.

His major source of inspiration was always the Bible, Biblical themes and heroes, with Shakespeare and Goethe as seconds.

"Der Graf von Charolais," composed in 1904, won for Beer-Hofmann the highest dramatic award in Germany. A Jewish creditor called "Itzik," who saw his own father die by an auto-da-fé, defies his accusers and defamers:

"An evil man!" And why
Should I be kind to you? Give me one reason—
A single one! Or do you think I should
Be kind because all human beings should
Be kind unto each other? First, my Lord,
Tear out this heart contracted and convulsed
By the infliction of a thousand wrongs;
Put out these eyes and give me other eyes
That are not wounded by too much of weeping;
Smooth out my back that's bent to crookedness
With bowing down in enforced humbleness;
And give me other feet unwearied
By the eternal wandering of exile;
Crash through my skull, tear out the brain beneath
So that I may forget; and last of all,
Cut me these veins and let my blood run out
That nothing's left that was my father's or
My father's father or his own or his—
No drop of all that blood, of all that woe—
And when you have done, all that, my Lord Count,
And I am still among the living—then
I'll speak with you right humanly—I mean

As a good man should speak unto his brother!

—Till then let me be what to you I am

And should be though I were I know not what:

A Jew, a Jew, a common vulgar Jew;

HOW MUCH MORE fitting an indictment today than it was in 1904! The world compels the Jew to suffer disgrace and shame without end, and then has the insolence to demand of him the qualities of a gentleman!

"Jacob's Dream" majestically proclaims Israel's mission and destiny. Jacob is the visionary and dreamer. Edom, his brother, the Biblical Esau, represents physical strength, power and might. The idealist, the dreamer is foreordained to pain and suffering, a destiny which has pursued the Jew from times immemorial, and yet which also mysteriously preserves Israel. Dr. Liptzin states this truth superbly when he says that "nations weaken by excessive wealth and machinery, decay and disappear, but the sons of Jacob, goaded by new suffering, continuously rise to new heights."

WHILE THE FIRST act justifies Rebecca's preference for Jacob, the second conveys the author's basic message concerning the mission of the Jew.

What does "being chosen" mean?

"This is what 'chosen' means: Not to know dreamless sleep, Visions at night—and voices round by day!

Am I then chosen? Chosen that all suffering

Calls me, demands me, and complains to me?

That even the dumb look of the dying beast

Asks me: 'Why so?'

Here is a conception of the role of the Jew which is truly majestic, and which while entailing pain incurs victory and life eternal.

This role Edom not only promptly rejects but pleads with Jacob to do likewise, to "flee this God":

"Jacob!

Let's flee this God!—come with me! The flocks

That you have taken lead to the pasture lands

Of Ayath. Wait for me there—another moon,

And I shall come with women, cattle, slaves,

With all the substance of our household stores!

We then go together to some strange land,

Where to this God no power has been given,

Where great, strange gods stand notionless and dumb

In golden houses, and where holy priests

The messages 'twixt them and us convey!

I do not want this God who's always near!"

To which entreaty Jacob the idealist unhesitatingly replies:

"Flee Him? This God? No, no! I go to meet Him!"

Which is precisely what the

Jew has done through centuries, under a divine compulsion, and which constitutes the eternal mystery of Israel.

EVEN THE ANGELS conspire to seduce Jacob from God. Samael, from whose "mouth comes naught but blasphemy," urges him to repudiate, to deny God on grounds similar to the arguments raised by the friends of Job:

"Is pain but punishment? What did the beast

That martyred, dumb, expired on the way?

Ye, ever-blessed! Name the guilt,

For which He sends the newborn into life,

Adorned with poisoned boils, wounds, ulcerous filth?

Sing praise unto His kindness, His great might—

I—shudder at Him! Cannot grasp His ways!

Could He not other? Willed He not otherwise?

Is He not filled with horror at His work?

Did He create this ball but for His pleasure?

Now it rolls staggering on, slipped from his hand,

Onward through time—I ask you: To what end?

Ye fawning servants, praise the play-ball that He made"

To this the dreamer turns a deaf ear, stubbornly insisting that "God chooses me," that "I cannot break from Him!" Instead he hearkens to Michael, a more sympathetic angel who proclaims for Jacob his true destiny and mission in the world:

"Thou whom God has chosen to Bear witness of His wonders—go, announce them . . .

Thou art the torch eternal God has kindled

To spread above the people's path its flame—

Hard, stubborn, stiffnecked He created thee;

As He piles up thy load, thy strength shall grow.

Be light unto the nations—open eyes now blind!

Lead captives forth from darkness, chains and woe . . .

God glows, God hammers thee to be His holy people

And sets thee up—time's breakers rage around . . .

Thou risest—a mark and everlasting measure,

A standard, to which hope faith and—pain are bound!

This is a remarkable, a gripping drama. It merits frequent reading, and long, earnest meditation. "Jacob's Dream" can prove a source of spiritual strength of religious renewal, and of fresh appreciation of the function of the Jew in the world.

For the good of his soul, I hope every Jew will study this play carefully, and ponder its glorious deathless message.

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I Think As I Please

By CARL ALPERT

Tale of a Tacitful Rabbi

I WANT TO tell you about something that happened in Our Town a few weeks ago. You've heard about Our Town before. It's a fairly small Jewish community, somewhat off the beaten track, and not often exposed to the big city influences of Jewish culture. For a time the folks in Our Town had trouble obtaining a rabbi to minister to their spiritual wants. It was not that their needs were extraordinary, but few of the young and more ambitious ministers wanted to "bury themselves" in this beautiful but comparatively remote corner of the land, where the publicity would be so unsatisfying. One rabbi came, but stayed only a short while. Another promised to come, but disappointed the folks. Others even visited the town incognito to get the lay of the land. A fine, devoted rabbi finally came to make his home in Our Town.

There is a good sense of Jewish loyalty in town; according to a comprehensive census of the Jewish population not long ago we found that an unusually high percentage of the people were affiliated with one or another of the Jewish organizations. Yet, as a result of many years of neglect, there is an underlying layer of ignorance—rather call it lack of knowledge—of matters Jewish. Lack of opportunity rather than disinclination should be charged with the condition.

THIS IS REALLY where my story begins. The whole thing is dismissed in a dozen lines in the local Anglo-Jewish weekly, but I can sense what happened, and fill in between the lines. The Jewish War Veterans Post, newly formed, eager, enthusiastic, with big plans for civic cooperation and Jewish activities, sent out notices of its next meeting. The secretary busily addressed the cards. Earnestly the leader planned the program, alerted committees to report, arranged the "business" without which no meeting is complete. It was the normal monthly night for meetings, but certain elements of the preparation have to be repeated each month.

The veteran members made mental note of the night—yes, the second Thursday of the month—and wives and sweethearts were forewarned of the reserved evening.

Nobody realized—and none who did know were immediately conscious of the conflict—that Thursday night was Yom Tov, one of the nights of Pesach. Readers who attend synagogue services daily may not understand the lack of knowledge; children who were drilled in the holiday dates at Hebrew or Sunday school might have remembered, but the simple fact had escaped the attention of the good veterans of Our Town. After all, it was only a business meeting, and there had been no advance extensive advertising which might have met the gaze of a more alert congregant.

The meeting had just about opened, in all innocence, when the rabbi inquiringly poked his head in the door. Consider the situation for a moment, dear reader. I have known rabbis, and no doubt you do too, who would have stormed and ranted and denounced, who would have invoked the wrath of Heaven upon the organization for its Godlessness. They would have created a scene in which murmurs of anger and resentment would have countered their denunciations.

THERE ARE RABBIS, too, who might quickly have withdrawn, hoping they had not been seen, and who would go their way quietly, anxious to preserve peace and provoke no uproar.

The brief dozen lines give us no details regarding our rabbi's actions. It appears he entered the meeting, conferred privately with a few of the veterans, sympathized with them in their error, and suggested that their presence there that evening be made the occasion for an informative, cultural gathering, thoroughly in consonance with the holy atmosphere. Perhaps the good rabbi was weary, and had looked forward to a quiet evening of study at home. The talk he gave, and the discussion he led may have been difficult for him, for he repeated the very matters he had dealt with an other meeting on the preceding evening. He offered a review of "Thieves in the Night" which was not only a book review, but a discussion of trends and principles in Jewish life today as well. Altogether the meeting turned out to be a great success.

And I am encouraged, for I like Our Town, and I believe that our folks have at last found a rabbi worthy of the community. May they share their joys together for many years.

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sentenced to one year for riot, and two and one-half years for usurpation of police powers, Ira Jett Columbians' strong-arm man, shortly to be tried for illegal possession of dynamite.

Senate Bill Permits Sunday Work For Jews

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A bill that would permit Jews employed by the government to work on Sunday instead of Saturday has been introduced into the Senate.

HASHOMER HATZAIR WOULD ELECT WEIZMANN TO WZO PRESIDENCY

JERUSALEM—A campaign to elect Dr. Chaim Weizmann president of the World Zionist Organization at the May meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee in New York has been decided on by the central committee of the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair. The group will seek to form a united front of all Zionist labor parties to effect Weizmann's election and to place representatives of all the labor factions on the executive. It will also seek united labor action to combat terrorism, and to draft a common plan of work to be followed at the U.N. session.

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BATTLE CREEK JEWS TO BUILD SYNAGOGUE

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Still Asking

We've asked about H.R. 2848 before. . . . This bill, outlawing anti-Semitic propaganda, has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Charles A. Buckley. . . . It is a strong bill which specifies anti-Semitism and demands its suppression. . . . But somehow a strange silence surrounds this courageous action by Buckley.

Broadway Gossip

Marilyn Cantor, popular songstress at New York's "Le Ruban Bleu," plays a bit part in United Artists' "Carnegie Hall," which stars Jascha Heifetz. . . . "Just to be able to hear Mr. Heifetz play," said Marilyn. . . . Charlie Chaplin is planning another comedy film with Martha Raye. . . . Did Dick White, singer at the Rio Cabana, croon to audiences at the Copacabana as Eddie Fisher a while back? . . . Benny Fields packing them in at Copa after three years away from the Gay Way. . . . The Marx Brothers may do a technicolor picture for Ben Hecht. . . . Milton Berle's radio show option will be taken up for three years—if and when. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weiscopef (he helps Fred Allen script those Sunday shows) are proud parents of a 6 lb. Kim—mazel tov. . . . Danny Kaye greeting Anita Alvarez and Don Richards backstage after seeing "Finians Rainbow." . . . They all worked together years ago at Camp Tamiment upstate. . . . Luther Adler is cinema-scripting Jack Lam's "Profit by Experience." . . . Harry Herschfield's comments on Henry Wallace and Charlie Chaplin are very clever. . . . Clever ways of running them down without discussing the issues they raise. . . . Carol Bruce will name her baby Julie—if a girl.

Pot Pourri

Close Call Dept.: A San Francisco cop missed Danny Kaye by inches some weeks back with bullets intended for a fleeing thief. . . . Believe it or not, a current-seller is titled "Diagnostic Examination of the Eye," by Conrad Berens and Joshua Zuckerman. . . . The sales of this specialized book on ophthalmology (eye techniques) has surprised publisher J. B. Lippincott. . . . Dr. Zuckerman is a brilliant oculist who has pioneered in this field. . . . Leonard Bernstein will return to the U.S. from Europe and Palestine for a series of four summer concerts with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra at Lewisohn Stadium.

Z.O.A. '47 Convention July 4-6 in New York

Special NEW YORK—The annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will be held in this city July 4, 5 and 6, it was learned here. No public announcement of the location of the convention meetings has been made.

There is still no word whether Emanuel Neuman, now first vice-president, will be opposed for the presidency, to succeed Rabbi Silver, who will have served the two terms allowed by the constitution.

The opposition party is said to be considering a Midwest business man who has been active in Zionist and communal work.

Methodist Girls Write To Palestine Girls

Special TERRE HAUTE—The Montrose Methodist Summer Church group will correspond with the girls of the Jewish Agricultural School in Palestine as part of a project for the furtherance of international good will.

Would Take Judaism If Another Choice

Special Aberdeen, S. D.—After Rabbi Saul B. Appelbaum, of St. Paul, Minn., delivered a Chautauqua address here, a non-Jewish returned G.I. came up to him after the all-day convocation and said: "If I had to choose another religion, I would take Judaism."

Churches to Use Hotel Given By Jews

Special CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Wildacres retreat for church groups will open its second summer season June 23. Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte and Little Switzerland have donated the hotel at Wildacres and all the necessary facilities for the use of organized church groups as a summer retreat.

This year the season will continue nine consecutive weeks, and reservations from Charlotte churches will be accepted in weekly groups of 50 to 60 persons.

AL SEGAL Speaks on YES, PITY THE POOR

POOOR Mrs. XYZ! I call her Mrs. XYZ because it is never charitable to expose the poor by their given names, especially the poor in spirit, who are the poorest of all. If Mrs. XYZ were just poor in property, if she hadn't a pot to cook in, she wouldn't be as poor as she is. Even if she hadn't a pot she would at least have hopes; tomorrow she might acquire a granite pot and on another tomorrow she might have a pressure cooker and after that an electric stove, and still on another tomorrow she might have crepes Suzette to eat at the Copacabana of which I've heard vaguely and don't even know where it's located.



Yes, in the material matters of human affairs Mrs. XYZ could be without a pot today but have a kitchen full of pots tomorrow; that's the way it goes.

Mrs. XYZ's poverty is practically hopeless. It has nothing at all to do with a pot or with bread or with any of the other elementary necessities of existence. Indeed, she has much more than plenty of things like that. Her husband is president of the National Widget Corp. and everybody knows the immense profit that the widget industry produced in the recent year. National Widget Corp. earned \$6.17 on every share of its stock in 1946. When Mrs. XYZ heard of National Widget's net profit, she turned to her husband. "X," she said (she always addressed him affectionately as X), "X, isn't it about time we started to live better than we do?"

Not that there was anything the matter with the way the XYZ's had been living. They had the big house and they had even an elevator that carried Mrs. XYZ up to her bedroom on the second floor. The elevator had been put in to accommodate Mrs. XYZ's increasing weight. She said she just couldn't carry it upstairs.

MR. XYZ WAS, INDEED, PROMPT to ask her: "How could we live any better than we do?"

She asked him what did he know about decent ways of living. She said that for all he knew about decent living he would be satisfied with salami.

"And what's better than salami in an egg omelet?" he demanded.

"That's just you all over," she replied. "You know nothing of the finer things of living. All you know is widgets—and salami."

He said widgets were all right. The widget industry had done pretty well by them, Mr. XYZ observed, and she was a lucky woman to be married to widgets, you might say. Mr. XYZ's face darkened: She had no right to speak disparagingly of widgets.

"What I mean," she explained, "is that people like us should live in a better neighborhood."

"What's the matter with this neighborhood?" XYZ asked.

"Well," she replied, "you couldn't be expected to notice anything the matter. All you can see is widgets." She said that if he could take his eyes off widgets he would have noticed how

long ago the neighborhood had become practically all Jewish. Jews to the left and Jews to the right. . . . "You remember when we had the Hetheringtons on the right and the Wallingtons on the left and the Dickinsons right across the street? They're all gone."

"So what?" asked XYZ. "We're Jews, too, aren't we?"

She had a new place picked out already, she replied irrelevantly. It was \$75,000. . . . "We'll be the only Jews for blocks around and that's where we're going to move; anyway that's where I'm going to move. It's out in Fairfield Village."

THOUGH XYZ was a dominant and respected man in the widget industry, where his word was like law, he had little to say at home. When his wife said she had picked a new place to live in and that's where she was going to move, that's where XYZ moved, too. He bought the Fairfield Village house and it was on a Monday that they moved in. Mrs. XYZ considered all the many elements of her new happiness: The fact of their being the only Jews for blocks around. (On the right of them the widely known Andersons, the left the Chidlaws, who were always in the first paragraphs of the society columns). The fact that this was like a new life, with the old one about five miles away in that Jewish neighborhood. The fact that their name didn't sound particularly Jewish and nobody in Fairfield Village could ever suspect.

As her mind gave itself pleasurably to all these happy circumstances, she suddenly became aware of the conflict of a cold chill up and down her spine. It had to do with her remembering, all at once, the Jewish Index, and she was thinking of the next issue arriving by mail in Fairfield Village. The "Jewish Index" was the weekly newspaper in her town. The XYZ's had been subscribers for years; it had followed them around to the various better and better places in which they had lived during the years when XYZ was continuously rising in the widget industry. Now it was going to follow them to Fairfield Village! Mrs. XYZ could have swooned at the thought. Yes, at the end of the week the letter carrier would be bringing it to her new house in Fairfield Village!

He would see the name of the paper. . . . "The Jewish Index" . . . prominently displayed, as it was, and he could guess at once that the new tenants were Jews. That would be as plain as your ten fingers. The Jewish Index would be like an accuser following them to Fairfield Village. With the letter carrier knowing everything, soon the whole neighborhood would know it.

She called the Jewish Index. . . . "I want the Index stopped and I want it stopped at once. Do you understand, at once?"

Poor Mrs. XYZ! In most compassionate charity I withhold not only her name but also her address. Fairfield Village really is not the name of the place of her residence. The poverty of the poor in spirit is the most wretched of all poverty and I'm a guy who pities the poor, particularly the hopeless poor.

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Million By July 4, Set In 7½ Million Drive

Special NEW YORK—The promise of \$1,000,000 in American aid to the Hebrew Resistance fighters in Palestine before the Fourth of July was made tonight by mem-

bers of the American League for estine underground fighters, a Free Palestine in opening the like sum will be used to purchase ships for the repatriation of Hebrews from Europe to Palestine, and 20 per cent will be earmarked to assist the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation in establishing a Provisional Government for Palestine.

According to Freedom Drive officials, 40 per cent of the funds collected in the nation-wide campaign will be used for medical and relief supplies for the Pal-

Dutch Guiana Ready to Admit 30,000 Jews Immediately; Would Settle in Unpopulated Areas Says Freeland Group

Jewish Telegraphic Agency NEW YORK—The government of Surinam, Dutch Guiana, is ready to admit 30,000 Jews immediately for settlement in unpopulated sections of the country, it was announced here by the Freeland League, a Jewish group seeking areas for colonization by Jews from Europe. An official proposal to admit the 30,000 was made by the Surinam Government three days ago to a Freeland League delegation, headed by Dr. I. N. Steinberg, which spent 10 days in Paramaribo, negotiating with a special commission composed of members of the government and of representatives of the Legislative Council. The Jewish delegation also addressed a private session of the Legislative Council. The project will have to be approved by the Dutch Government. At a press conference here today the leaders of the Freeland League reported that the government of Surinam had agreed to receive a commission of experts to be sent by the League.

These experts, in cooperation with the local authorities, will select the area or areas where Jewish settlements will be established.

"The Jewish settlement," Dr. Steinberg told the press conference, "is not intended to become a separate political entity. Its members would become, in conformity with the laws of the country, citizens of Surinam. The Dutch language would be considered a bond holding together all groups of the Surinam population. At the same time, the development of Jewish culture, including religion, language and customs, would be guaranteed. Full scope would be given to the teaching of the Jewish language in the schools and to its use as an initial medium of instruction."

Dr. Steinberg said that agreement has been reached between the Surinam government and the Jewish delegation on all points except on the problem of further immigration after the initial 30,000 Jewish refugees have been settled.

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Letter Box and Pen Pals

Fred Frankstein and Dorothy Frankstein, 3848 W. Ainslie St., Chicago, Ill., new members of the League sent a contribution for Raymonde. . . . Thank you, and let us hear more about you, Fred and Dorothy.

Helen Lowe, 344 East Market St., Louisville, Ky., would like pen pals. She is almost 13 and saves movie star pictures. She says, "I would like to hear from boys and girls both. I read the Junior Post every week and it is very interesting. I am going to enter some of the contests."

The boys and girls of the Religious School of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation, Indianapolis, sent a contribution to Raymonde with a letter signed by Mr. William B. Lawritz, Director of Education, saying:

"Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$5.00, a contribution of the children of our Religious School from their Keren Ami Fund to the Raymonde Fund. The Keren Ami Fund is the school's philanthropic fund. The children bring an average contribution of five cents each time they come to Religious School. Their elected representatives meet and allocate the appropriations from this fund. With our contribution go the best wishes of our school for success in your significant work." . . . Thank you boys and girls of Beth-El for your contribution. There is something else you can do to make Raymonde happy and that is to write her a letter. Some of the students in Mrs. Paris's class did write, and Raymonde mentioned in her last letter how much she enjoyed the notes from the children in the

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A Visit to the JTS Museum

IN THE Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, there is a museum of Jewish treasures. If you go there, you will see old lamps and bowls, dating back over two thousand years to the days of the judges. There are beautifully hand-decorated Hagadahs for the Passover service, Torah Scrolls, filigree spice boxes, Chanukah lamps and ancient Passover plates.

You may see the collection of unusual wedding rings, with a tiny house perched on each ring. That little house is the symbol of how important we Jews consider the home and the home-maker, the wife and mother of each family. These rings are communal rings. Rich and poor alike in European Jewish communities in medieval days, were married with such a ring.

And you will see an Ark which is 800 years old. It was found by Dr. Schechter in the Geniza and presented to him by the Cairo congregation. From the Geniza at Cairo, there is also a signed letter of Maimonides.

Before you go into the rooms where the treasures from Danzig are displayed, the guide may tell you this story; which we found in Dorothy Alofsin's "Streams of Jewish Life." Here it is:

IN THE CITY of Danzig, frightened whispers spread the threat of an early invasion by the Nazis. The people in the Jewish community knew they were doomed; there was no way they could be saved. But they were determined that their religious treasures must not be lost; they must be preserved for the future.

Quickly the Jews of Danzig stripped the Museum, the four synagogues, and their homes bare of the religious objects so dear to them. Men hurried through the streets bringing their treasures to the largest syna-

gogue. From door to door the whisper was carried, 'A farewell service. Tonight. Come.'

Night fell and shut out the cruel sight of men trying to kill their brothers. Over Europe's once peaceful lands Nazi hordes continued to spread terror and death. One column was already on the march toward what was known as the Free City of Danzig.

Within the city young and old were gathered in a synagogue. A service was taking place, a service such as had never been seen. . . .

"Through the aisles, around and around, the elders marched carrying the holy Torahs. Strong men who had never known tears, wept as the Torahs passed, one after another, fifty-two Torah Scrolls they might not live to see again.

An age-old chant tore from an aching throat and everyone joined in until like a single cry the ancient chant of faith echoed through the synagogue, 'Sh'ma Yisroel, Adoshem Eloheinu, Adoshem Schod. Hear, O Israel; the Lord, Our God, the Lord is One.'

ALL THROUGH the night men and women hurried to pack the art and ceremonial objects, some a thousand years old. Lovingly they packed them for shipment to America, while one of the community leaders obtained the necessary papers to take their treasures out of the city.

The Jews of Danzig placed their treasures in the care of the Jews of America and they are kept in the Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary. If, at the end of fifteen years, there is a safe and free Jewish community in Danzig, the collection is to be returned. If Danzig Jews are not free, it is to remain in America for the education and inspiration of the Jews of the world.

There you may see the treasures when you visit the Seminary Museum: alms boxes from the synagogues, a miniature Torah with its crown and breastplate of delicate filigree in its own

Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

IT'S Hollywood gospel that stardom is mostly a matter of luck and hard work. In scattered instances, screenstruck prospects have ingenuity and imagination to bring themselves to the attention of the studios, when ordinary channels fail.

Paulette Goddard is one star whose ambition, coupled with resourcefulness, has placed her among the top ranking feminine players of the screen. The other day, over some cold beet borscht and sour cream, she told me that her first break came when she took a job as a chorine in the Eddie Cantor musical, "The Kid from Spain." She got in a few close-ups and promote this film from the cutter which she put together into a screen test! The test won for Paulette the lead in Charlie Chaplin's "Modern Times."

Her second big break was just as ingenious. Hearing that the famous producer-director, Cecil B. DeMille was looking for a girl to play the tempestuous half-breed in "Northwest Mounted Police," opposite Gary Cooper, "Paulette made herself up for the part and strode into DeMille's office, waving her arms and spouting a scene from the film in dialect. Her performance convinced the bewildered DeMille and she landed the role! Now she can almost name her own roles on the screen.

Says the lovely Paulette: "Sometimes it takes a little more than ability and luck to make the grade in Hollywood."

When producer Sam ("Best Years of Our Lives") Goldwyn resumes filming on his new picture "The Bishop's Wife," scheduled for this week, but which will not come about until next year at the earliest, he will uncork his red ink bottle and write off a loss of between \$700,000 and \$800,000. The sum will cover the actual investment in the film by director Bill Seiter during the two weeks of shooting previous to his withdrawal from the directional chore last week and the shutting down of production, plus carrying charges in the way of salaries for cast and crew during the coasting period. Oh, for the life of a producer in Hollywood!

Decca Records' "Al Jolson Album" has become the top-selling album of all times, by this week soaring over 700,000 in retail sales! In perching on the peak, the album outstripped all others. Insiders tell me that it is certain that the Jolson set will sell far in excess of 1,000,000 copies, as Columbia's film, "The Jolson Story," has finished but 25 per cent of its play-dates.

Incidentally, Decca's single platter of Al's rendering "Anniversary Song," which is not included in the album, last week topped the 1,000,000 sales mark!

When and if Al goes on the air with his own show, it will be done on a transcribed basis a la Bing Crosby, the mammy singer told me the other day. He admitted he had been in contact with General Motors. Al also says that he not only will insist on following the platter trail on any deal he agrees to, but in addition he has a definite preference for the pre-Crosby or post-Crosby time slot for the show.

Irving Berlin, fabulously successful composer of popular songs for forty years, revealed himself to me over the luncheon table as very realistic about his work and his attitude toward it. His viewpoint explains the hard work he puts into his songs.

"You can't call all your shots in song writing any more than in novel writing, playwriting or screenplay writing," he says. "No honest song writer will predict just which of his songs will be a big hit or a flop until after the public has had an opportunity to render its verdict."

Record firms are taking in an increased interest in comedy material, evidenced by Decca's pact completed this week for platters by Danny Kaye and radio scripter Abe Burrows. A most elaborate deal is the one set up for Danny. The pact calls for a term of nearly three years during which time he'll do around 30 sides. Most of his material will be written by his wife, Sylvia Fine. It's the comic's first long record deal. He recorded a heavy selling album for Columbia six years ago which is still much in demand!

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2 lbs. asparagus (1 bunch) ½ cup cold water
½ tsp. salt 1 clove garlic (optional)

Cut away the woody, fibrous section of the stems and let tips stand in a bowl of cold water to which a dash of salt has been added. After 5 minutes, tie the asparagus together and stand the bundle upright in the double boiler, lower section. Add cold water and salt, also garlic if desired, and turn the top section of double boiler over to serve as a cover. Cook over moderate heat 8 to 10 minutes. This steaming process leaves the tips nice and green while it cooks the heavier section tender. Save the liquid for soup—it holds much of the Vitamin B content which dissolves in water. Now make the sauce as follows:

Sauce Vinaigrette

4 tblsps. melted butter or vegetable shortening
2 tblsps. lemon juice or vinegar
½ tsp. dry mustard or 1 tsp. prepared mustard
2 hard cooked eggs, diced fine or chopped
1 tsp. minced parsley or green onion
¼ tsp. salt

dash of white pepper, optional

Beat butter, mustard, lemon juice, salt and pepper with a fork or rotary beater. Add the minced greens and chopped egg. Chill. Heap the sauce over the center section of asparagus arranged on a bed of lettuce or casserole. Add a sprinkling of paprika for color. Serve cold. Serves 5 or 6.

Asparagus with Cheese

After steaming the asparagus till tender and draining off the liquid, arrange on toast in a shallow baking dish. Place thin strips of any variety of Cheddar cheese across the spears, dot with butter and sprinkle with paprika or white pepper. Slip under the broiler flame 5 minutes before serving time and watch closely to prevent overcooking. The cheese should bubble and brown lightly but not become soupy. Serve hot.

Asparagus Cream Soup

1 lb. asparagus (tender sections only) 1 small onion (optional)
3 cups milk 3 tblsps. butter
½ cup cold water 3 tblsps. flour
½ tsp. salt Minced parsley or green onions
2 tblsps. grated cheese

Cut the asparagus into ½ inch pieces. Add cold water and salt and cook in well covered pot 5 to 8 minutes. Blend melted butter and flour in a saucepan till light brown. Stir in milk gradually and cook over reduced heat till thickened. Add asparagus and liquid, stirring till blended. Cook 3 minutes longer. Serve hot with a sprinkling of cheese and minced green on top. Croutons, Melba toast or salted crackers go well with this nourishing soup. Serves 4 to 5.

Hollandaise Sauce for Plain Boiled Asparagus (or other vegetable)
2 egg yolks 2 tblsps. lemon juice
4 tblsps. butter or salad oil dash of red pepper or paprika
1/8 tsp. salt

Beat egg yolks slightly in top of double boiler and add 1 tblsp. butter or oil at a time while stirring with a fork till combined. Keep the water in under section of double boiler hot but not boiling too rapidly during the process. Stir in lemon juice gradually and add seasoning when the sauce thickens. Should the sauce separate, add 2 tblsps. boiling water drop by drop.

To reach Mrs. Leonard, please write to Harmon-on-Hudson, N. Y.

The Junior Post

(Cont. from preceding page)

schools. She likes to know how we live in America.

Valerie Ann Liss, 36, Wilmington Road, London, N. 2, England, would like to hear from readers aged 12 or 13.

Doreen Vinestock, 9, Duddington Square West, Porobello, Edinburgh, Scotland, age 16, is looking for boy and girl correspondents. Her chief interests are books and radio.

Marcia Katz, 3109 George St., Chicago, Ill., age 13 would like to write to girls her age. Her hobby is art work.

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MRS. PALLER ANSWERS LETTERS ON BOOKS, STUDY COURSE, AND PRAYERS

Dear Mrs. Paller:

Can you send me the divisions of the Course of Study mentioned in your article in The Post of Nov. 8, 1946. Thanks.

I. HALPERN

Greenfield, Mass.

The outline followed by the joint Council-Hadassah Study group is as follows:

Contemporary Jewish Problems

1. Jews in Europe
 - a. Before World War II
2. Jews in America
 - A. His position
 - His contribution to World Jewry
3. Jews in Palestine
 - a. Before 1945
 - b. Present day conditions
4. Palestine of Tomorrow
 - a. Jewish Commonwealth (Zionist view)
 - b. Bi-national State (Ihud Group)
 - c. Federalization (British Proposal)
 - d. Permanent Minority Arab Proposal)

Our final study meeting took place last week, at which time there was a panel discussion of sented the Zionist platform. The second dis-"Palestine of Tomorrow." One speaker pre-cussed the Bi-National State and the Arab Proposal for Permanent Minority Status of the Jews. The third speaker reviewed the British policy from the time of the Balfour Declaration to the present day and discussed the implications of the coming United Nations Session on Palestine.

Dear Mrs. Paller:

I will appreciate your recommendation of books for a 4½ year old girl. These books must be on Jewish themes, biblical or holiday as per a child's understanding. We read to her each bedtime and she looks forward to these evening hours. We live in a completely gentle neighborhood and this method of teaching an appreciation of Jewishness is of pri-

mary importance to us.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rubin

Bellmawr Park,
Gloucester City, N. J.

Here are some books your little girl will enjoy hearing read to her:

"Fairy Tales from Grandfather's Bib Book," by Edith Calisch, \$1.50, published by Behrman House, 1261 Broadway, New York, N. Y.; "The Adventures of K'Ton Ton" by Sadie Weilerstein, \$1.65, Behrman House. "What the Moon Brought," by Sadie Weilerstein, \$1.50, Behrman House; "Habibi and Yow," Althea O. Silverman, Bloch Publishing Company.

(Editor's note. All these books may be purchased through The Jewish Post Book Dept., Box 1633, Indianapolis, Ind. Also The Post Book Department will be happy to send a more complete list of all types of Jewish books on request).

Dear Mrs. Paller:

I am glad to note that you are reprinting prayers for children which appeared in previous issues of The Jewish Post. I hope you will continue to reprint them until they are all included. Would very much like to give a copy of these prayers to each of my students at the Jewish Institute of Religion, if you can spare 50 copies.

RABBI MICHAEL ALPER

Temple Beth-El o Great Neck, N. Y.

To Rabbi Alper, to Mrs. Laura Glassman, 100 Ave. P., Brooklyn, N. Y., and to Mrs. E. Heuberger, 524 Addison St., Chicago, 13, Ill. Your request for reprints of the children's prayers will be filled as soon as we feel our readers have sent in all the prayers they can locate. Perhaps our rabbi readers (or should we say rabbis' wives, can send us some additional prayers other than those we've printed.



Film Stars On Air With Play for U.J.A. Tuesday

The four distinguished Hollywood screen stars shown above go on the air next week over the coast-to-coast network of the American Broadcasting Company in a special nationwide broadcast on behalf of the \$170,000,000 Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. Edward G. Robinson, left, Sylvia Sidney, John Garfield and Paul Muni, right, will appear together over the ABC network Tuesday, May 6, from 9:30 to 10 P. M. (E.D.T.) in a documentary drama entitled "Barbed Wire Sky," the story of an eight year old girl who was born and "raised in a concentration camp.

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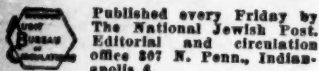
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The Editor's Chair

It must have been at least a year ago that I wrote the following "Thoughts On The Rabbinate." Week after week I went over it, deciding whether to print it or relegate it to the wastebasket. You may, after reading them, think I should have waited at least another year.

Anyway here they are:

The rabbi must drop and is dropping, his role as the representative of the Jewish group to the non-Jewish community. This used to be necessary because usually the rabbi was the most literate member of the Jewish group, but today almost every department store owner can make a good speech, and there are numerous Jewish professional men who can take the rabbi's place on the speaking platform.

With this change coming about and the rise in prestige of Conservative and Orthodox Judaism, the rabbi is being forced to focus his attention within the Jewish group, so that there has sprung up among rabbis an intense rivalry for what few honors there are in the Jewish group.

The tendency among the laity has been to forget the differences between Orthodox and Conservative and Reform, but the rabbi is still carrying on the fight.

A remedy is for the rabbi to concern himself with the community as a whole instead of one part of it. The American type of Judaism must develop if Judaism is to prosper in our environment, and this trend must be used as a criterion for a good many of our activities.

If it is true that the lines between Orthodoxy and Reform are gradually disappearing, then would it not be wise for the rabbi to begin acting as if they represented not just one branch of Judaism exclusively but Judaism as a whole? Would it not be sensible for the rabbi to devote himself more and more to city-wide problems, to problems of Judaism as a whole, and to consider all his activities, and all his talks in the light of this new centrifugal trend?

The Jewish community of yesterday was split up on economic and religious lines. All these divisions act in the same way. The rich Reform Jew did not associate with the poor Jew or with the rich Conservative Jew. The poor Reform Jew did not concern himself with the poor Orthodox Jew. The community as a result was split up on all these lines, a split which still persists to some extent, but in addition there are the chasms as between Zionist and anti-Zionist, between this group and that group, and so on.

As the community is divided then often so is the rabbi. He is to be found usually at the top of one of the divisions. This being so, then he is divided off from the rest of the community,

and is a stranger to all the rest of the Jews.

Rabbi Isaac Herzog's Passover message in which he blamed England's current misfortunes on their brutality and intransigence in Palestine, has caused a furor in Jewish circles in England. The Jewish Chronicle has printed more letters pro and con on the message than any subject since I've been reading the paper. One reader asks Rabbi Herzog on what he would blame the catastrophe befalling the Jews of Europe over the past ten years. Rabbi Herzog's defenders claim he was following in the prophetic tradition, and that he only "warned" Britain.

For some time now, we, here at The Post have felt that most Reform and Conservative rabbis have approved of The Post. But as far as the Orthodox rabbis, we just thought their orientation was toward the Yiddish papers. But recently several leading Orthodox publications have praised The Post, so that we are beginning to feel that just as both the Zionists and Anti-Zionists have come to respect The Post's fairness, so have all three divisions within Judaism come to regard The Post as a paper each can recommend. When you stop to think of it, this is no small achievement and whatever else The Post does, we'll always count this as our most important accomplishment.

Post Exchange

• Answers To Questions
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Wants Palestine Books Post Exchange:

A few weeks ago, the Post columnist, Boris Smolar, mentioned in his column the appearance of two volumes, entitled "Palestine," and published under the auspices of the Esco Foundation for Palestine. I should like to know whether these books will soon be made available through the Post Book Department or from whom they may be ordered.

Yours very truly,

E. M. CAPLANSKY.

5031 Park Ave.
Montreal 8, Que.

This publication may be ordered through the National Jewish Post Book Department, Box 1633, Indianapolis, Ind.

68,000 Kids Eager To Get Into The Woods

A look at the camping situation as the 1947 season opens reveals that some 68,000 of the country's youngsters will be sharpening their scout-knives and checking down the lists of permitted items preparatory to entering one of the 103 camps or the 92 "home" camps operated by Jewish Centers or other organizations.

Some camps operated by the organizations, such as the six Cejwin camps run by the National Jewish Welfare Board, provide camping facilities for many in small cities without camps. Additional advantage lies in the associations provided for the children, who are brought in contact with new personalities. The JWB camps are located in New Jersey, New England, New York and the Middle Atlantic States.

The enjoyable aspects of Jewish living also are experienced by the campers, who learn Jewish music, dancing and dramatics and enjoy Sabbath and holiday observances.

Rosenwald Views Show Danger Of Council For Judaism

DO LESSING ROSENWALD'S strictures on Zionism as reported elsewhere in this issue do violence to Zionist precepts?

Are anti-Zionists the believers and fighters for democracy?

Are the members of the American Council for Judaism the advocates of the precepts found in the Constitution of the United States and in the prophetic teachings of Judaism?

And vice versa are the Zionists the ones who do not uphold these principles?

Mr. Rosenwald's circumlocutory language doesn't alter his charges, which are made public now by him for the first time. Rabbi Elmer Berger has often accused the Zionists of dual loyalty, leading to the interpretation of disloyalty.

Now the Council's platform stands for all to see. It's dangers are just as obvious.

Mr. Rosenwald knows that Zionists want a Jewish state because in this world in which we live a state is one of the best forms of security and provides the most opportunity for self-expression. When the "one world" idea is accepted then most Zionists will be more than ready to drop the "state" idea.

But while the house is on fire is no time to junk the fire department. Jews need a place to go to now.

"Even the most genuine and thoroughly developed democracy is incapable of solving the problems of the Jews," Mr. Rosenwald puts in the mouths of the Zionists.

That is an untruth. The Zionists say that the kind of government developed thus far does not seem to have solved "the problems of the Jews." Can Mr. Rosenwald deny that?

Mr. Rosenwald asks the Jews to wait until pure democracy solves their problems. Does he ask the people of India or of the East Indies or the Arabs to wait?

Mr. Rosenwald's words would indicate that the American Council for Judaism has decided that the only way to fight Zionism is to attack the Zionists, which today in the U.S. is the Jews.

Fundamentally Mr. Rosenwald's error is one of historic analysis. Forgetting Jewish history, he tries to take the Jewish problem from its historic background and compare it as if it were a phenomenon of 1947, with not even 1947 conditions, but conditions of 2047 or thereabouts.

Mr. Rosenwald should retract and qualify his statements. Anti-Zionists have a point of view and The Post has been willing to let them reach its readers to attempt to win more adherents. Let Mr. Rosenwald stick to facts and accurate analysis, and desist from making wild and harmful charges.

The Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council is even now forming a committee to approach the Council on this very point. It plans, as The Post understands it, to negotiate with the Zionists also. This attempt should be made as quickly as possible, and if it falls through the NCRAC should act. In any event The Post expects a report of these negotiations.

Will Post Readers Please Answer This Request?

THE very successful SOS has joined in the campaign for books for Europe's Jewish survivors.

Some months ago, this paper made an editorial plea for books, which evidently fell on deaf ears of you readers.

Knowing the Jewish community as it does, The Post is certain that there isn't a Jewish home that can't donate more than a few Jewish books and magazines. The pity of it is that while in our homes the books gather only dust, the Jews of Europe, because of our apathy, must go without reading material which is fundamental to their well-being.

Bernard Popkin, SOS publicity director, puts it in another way:

"It is our welcome responsibility to send them the books they so desperately crave. Surely, there are volumes in your personal library which you no longer consult. Or in your school or university library. You or your children will want to share these with the Jewish survivors in Europe, who have, till now, known nothing but horror and terror, and who, even now, have little with which to blot out these memories."

Every Jewish organization could very easily for its next meeting ask its members to bring along at least one book for the collection.

In fact there must be a good number of Jewish groups who are looking for just such a project as this.

The 50,000 Post readers alone should be good for a minimum of 100,000 books. If you have no local SOS send the books directly to The Post at Box 1633, Indianapolis. Or if you don't know whom to contact for your local SOS, and you have called your rabbi for that information, write to The Post and the information will be sent to you.

Let's get behind this one, Post readers, and perform this simple good deed.

The Jewish Agricultural Society and Farming

ANNUALLY when Gabriel Davidson releases his report of the Jewish Agricultural Society, usually in booklet form, there is a great hullabaloo in the Jewish community. Jews are turning to farming! Fifty-five or a hundred or two hundred Jewish families were settled on farms! A quarter of million dollars, or a million or two million was loaned in 1946 by the association!

The truth of the matter is that as far as any even infinitesimal move of Jews of the U.S. to farms, there just isn't. The Post would like to see such a move. But as long as other occupations offer better security and chance for advancement, few U.S. Jews will leave cities. Even the farm youth is slowly congregating into cities, so why expect Jewish youth to be otherwise attracted.

Whether the Jewish Agricultural Society should be replaced by a new agency, or incorporated into a more large-scale effort to bring Jews to farms, The Post is not able to say.

The National Farm School at Doylestown, Penna., is doing a good job of bringing Jewish youth to farming, but even its effect is negligible. Here and there, Jewish farmers have made tremendous successes, but their number when compared to 5,000,000 people is small. In addition, every large city has its share of retired Jewish business men who operate large farms, but this gentleman farming is no more than the words imply.

No, there is no mass movement of U.S. Jews to farms, and the chances that there will be one are almost nil.

Orthodoxy Awakens

THE POST'S Detroit correspondent, who is a long-time journalist, and is now in the Detroit Bureau of the United Press, reports his astonishment when the U.P. received a news release from the Rabbinical Council of America, composed of almost 400 Orthodox rabbis. The group is holding its annual convention in Detroit this week.

Our correspondent's amazement is warranted. Heretofore the Orthodox group has been years behind the Reform and Conservative groups in using the press and other educational methods to reach their Jewish public.

But now the Orthodox group is well on the

road to outstripping its two contemporaries. Its monthly publications compare favorably with anything in the religious field, and its press releases are newspaperly and informative.

But this awakening no doubt is only another pole in the drive of Orthodoxy to recapture its position in the field of Judaism.

All this is to the good.

Orthodoxy is going out to meet the American environment. Orthodoxy will now make its mark felt on that environment and that environment will in turn make its mark on Orthodoxy.

Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

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WRONG EMPHASIS IN JEWISH GROUP BLAMED FOR FAILURE OF EDUCATION

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Just read a letter in your issue of April 18 by Samuel Fuchs in re Jewish Education. I agree our children today are not receiving enough Jewish education but I do not like the inference that were it not for money spent for Zionism and U.J.A. more would be spent on Hebrew Schools. I do not agree. Does the writer imply that money collected for Palestine and European relief would be spent for Hebrew Schools if people didn't give that money for aforementioned avenues for relief and aid?

Let us not look for excuses or blame. We Jews have no one or nothing to blame but ourselves. Our Jewish children are not getting a proper Jewish and Hebrew education because the parents DO NOT CARE. We are so busy working for, and worshipping the almighty dollar that the value of Torah and learning becomes secondary in the minds of many. The dollar sign supercedes the Star of David sign.

Jewish mothers believe a girl needs dancing and music and elocution to give her polish and popularity (thinking ahead to the ultimate goal of matrimony) and that doesn't leave time for a thorough Jewish education. Were it not for Bar Mitzvah how many parents would send their boys? Is the boy impressed with the importance of the Bar Mitzvah ceremony or is the stress placed upon the party that follows the event? This lack of interest cannot be blamed on Palestine or Zionism or the U.J.A. We must impress the parents with the value of Jewish education for our children—then and only then will there be better and more Hebrew Schools.

In your excellent paper I read some interesting comment on the elimination of the Sunday school and thus try to encourage a better attendance at daily Hebrew Schools. The idea is very good but before I would agree to cutting out the Sunday school I would suggest a poll be taken among the Jewish parents of children attending Sunday school to learn how many would send their children 3 or more times a week to Hebrew School if the Sunday school were eliminated. I contend "half a loaf is better than none at all." I prefer Sunday school to no Jewish education at all.

Those children who do attend Hebrew School usually cut off their Jewish education at 13. That is the time they should become most active. We should have special groups for them—combining social, educational subjects, Jewish current events, discussion groups, debating teams, Hebrew, History and Zionism. There are exceptions, but generally speaking are we prepared for this advanced education for our children over 13?

We Jews can support good synagogues, fine Hebrew schools AND contribute to the much needed U.J.A. and to Zionism.

Wherever Jews question money spent for Zionism and the U.J.A., they never question money we give for the Red Cross and the Community Chest, etc., all good and worthy causes. Why question money contributed for Palestine and European relief? Is it a case of "out-of-sight-out-of-mind" attitude?

Our trouble is not improper allocation of funds—it is improper valuation placed upon the Jewish education. Unfortunately

we do not respect learning as in days of old. So often today the rich (and oftentimes unlearned in Hebrew or Jewish history) member in the synagogue gets far more recognition by the rabbi and fellow members than the most learned among them. Any wonder importance is transferred from learning to money?

Of what value is it to teach Jewish customs and ceremonials to our children if those customs and ceremonials are not practiced at home? In short, we must practice what we preach or our children cannot and will not respect our teachings.

I repeat, it is up to American Jewish parents how much and how good a Jewish education our Jewish youth will receive.

Very truly yours,
ROSE WINTER SHERMAN
1204 Main St.,
Willimantic, Conn.

SAYS WRITE-UP OF U. OF ILLINOIS NOT COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH

Editor, National Jewish Post,

The recent article in the Jewish Post on the Jewish student at the University of Illinois unfortunately tried to do more than present the writer's personal assessment of "How Jewish is the Jewish Student." In grasping too much one is apt to fumble. In this case, the writer did not do justice, I fear, either to his fellow students or to the community.

More time is needed to pass judgment on a community and its attitudes than a brief period of one semester or a school year. Actually, the picture today can only be understood against the background of a small university town suddenly overwhelmed by a doubled registration for which it is not prepared. The problem of housing is a general one. Facilities and services of all sorts are strained to the limit.

But the real subject was to have been the Jewish student. Here the limited data makes for a distorted impression. Without a broad perspective and consideration of all the pertinent information, it is dangerous to state too categorically what the "average" Jewish student is like.

Apparently the writer used only two criteria for Jewishness: attendance at traditional services and the Zionist meetings. As a matter of fact, the average total attendance at both traditional and liberal services is larger than was indicated. Even so, these statistics could not tell the whole story any more than they would in the adult community.

Any realistic survey must take into account that there are a variety of motivations and ways to express "Jewishness." Perhaps these are of different values, but all are indexes of identification with the Jewish group.

For example, the high proportion of affiliation with Hillel cannot be shrugged off so easily as the result of pressure exerted by the organized groups. This underestimates the independence that college students in general and veterans in particular evidence to coercion of any sort. I think we are justified in regarding this rather as a voluntary indication of loyalty and community responsibility.

So too, the large sum contributed so far this year to the Hillel-sponsored United Jewish

Sleet and Hail Aren't The Only Obstructions

Editor, National Jewish Post:

While doing some historical research at the HUC library I came across this little item in the Jewish Times of New York, August 30, 1872 (Vol. IV, No. 27). In light of some of the recent complaints of some of your readers, I thought this little item quite appropriate.

"Complaints reach us constantly of the belated delivery of the Jewish Times. It is no fault of ours; our paper is regularly mailed on Friday morning and before noon every copy is at the post office. We have, however, lodged a complaint with the postmaster and we may fairly hope that in the future the Jewish Times will reach our subscribers more regularly."

It seems that much progress has been made in the postal system and more progress will be made, but there'll always be complaints about the delivery of weekly Anglo-Jewish newspapers.

MEYER HELLER
Cincinnati, 20, Ohio.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH JEWISH YOUTH THAT THEY'RE APATHETIC AND SUPINE

Editor, National Jewish Post,

One of the most disturbing factors in our struggle with Britain, is the apathy of a great many of the American Jewish youth in the presence of world-shocking events—their crawling supine attitude even after one-third of our Nation has been annihilated while the Democracies looked on in silence if not with deep contentment. One has the right to ask: "What natural or psychological qualities do these people lack? What silences their protest and suppresses their resentment against this cruel society?"

It is a sad thing to admit but it is a bitter truth, that what our youth lacks most is pride and self respect. Perhaps the cause of Theodore Herzl's return to Zion, during the Dreyfus Affair, can best illustrate our point. There were other capable Jewish journalists at the Dreyfus trial. None of them sensed the humiliation so deeply as did Herzl. He had too much pride. He was a King among Kings and he could no longer face living as a second-class citizen. What is the Dreyfus Affair—the fate after all, of only one French-Jewish captain—compared to this disaster of historic magnitude? You will, nevertheless search in vain through the columns of some of our leading English journalists of Jewish descent for any reference to this catastrophic situation. There is a conspiracy of silence on the part of these men to hush-hush the entire matter. You will search their vocabulary in vain for pride and self-respect. These are the rats who are first to desert the sinking ship.

Dov Gruner's action ever since his arrival in Palestine revealed the same characteristics which distinguished Herzl in his time. He came to Palestine an "illegal" immigrant, but nevertheless joined the British Army during the war and insisted that he fight on the front lines, where he was twice wounded. We then find him in prison where he retained his serenity even in the shadow of death. "Of course, I want to live," he said to his sister, Mrs. Helen Friedman, "but I don't fear death, as long as I am confident that the ideal for which I am giving my life will survive and that my comrades will continue the struggle." ...

A word must be said about the attitude of the so-called "moderate" Zionists towards the Irgun Z'vai L'umi. We do not expect them to agree with the Irgun, just as they did not agree with Jabotinsky when he pleaded for the evacuation of Polish Jewry while there was still time to save them; just as they opposed the

"illegal" immigration (Aliah Beth) even at the outbreak of the war during the Congress in 1939. With our "moderates" and Real-Politiker, it is after all a matter of temperament. The least one can expect of these "moderates" is not to help Britain to foment civil war in the Yishuv. ...

In spite of all differences, this writer is confident that no Jew wants to see any of the Irgunists on the gallows. There are ways and means to stop these British atrocities.

First of all cease calling names, e. g. "terrorists" and "gangsters"—which in most cases is done to appease Mr. Bevin. Name calling is a venomous propaganda weapon and the impression is created among neutral progressive observers that these men are merely a handful of selfish adventurers. The door is thus locked for the Irgun to receive international status as an underground army whose captives must be treated as prisoners of war. This is no empty talk but is in itself an important weapon in our political struggle.

Britain does not need any excuse for hanging Jews, so please do not provide excuses for her. Eventually, you will understand your error when you hear the sly English saying to you: Did not you yourself call them "terrorists" and "gangsters"? ...

We will, by our own correct attitude, at least retain our self-respect in the eyes of the world. For it is clear that regardless how much we swear that we oppose the Irgun, the English will not believe us. The reason is self-evident. Every normal citizen of a suppressed people would act in the same fashion as the Irgunists. The English then, feel—rightly or wrongly—that the entire Yishuv is or ought to be 100 per cent behind the Irgun. ...

This writer cannot conceal the fact that he is not pessimistic in spite of all the drawbacks on the political scene. We at least know what we want. An entire world looks with amazement at the great drama taking place on the Hills of Galilee. After Treblinka and Maidanek a new Jewish youth has emerged, who have a "rendezvous with death at some disputed barricade." There is no power in the world that can stop them! They are destined to erect for our people the mightiest of forts, upon whose peak eagles shall build their nests!

JACOB DIENSTAG
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"I would like to inform you that we receive about 12 copies, one of which is placed on my desk. The others have been used by our class in the Religious School for discussion purposes.

"May I also add that I think highly of The Post and hope that it will grow into a still larger and more influential paper. The frankness, the journalism and the variety of articles have stimulated many in my congregation. I look forward to reading The Post every Friday. With best wishes for a more inclusive Post, I remain."

which make me think it is a little premature to write the epitaph for the Jewishness of the Jewish college student. We must not be Pollyannas, surely. But on the basis of all the data, correctly interpreted, neither do we have the right to become Cassandra's, emitting oracles of doom. There is much that is reassuring: there is much to be done. But that is the challenge we must meet.

SANFORD E. SAPERSTEIN
Rabbi
Hillel Foundation
University of Illinois

Twenty-three new agricultural labor settlements have been established in Palestine since October 1946.

These are a few of the factors

Jews in Sports

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By HASKELL COHEN



THE boys along Jacobs Beach are in mourning. Even the chiselers and racket guys, and there are many in boxing, speak in reverent tones of the late Benny Leonard who passed away in the ring at St. Nick's Arena two weeks ago. Benny is the topic of conversation when the clan gathers in the offices of the Twentieth Century Boxing club. Stories of Benny's glorious days in the ring are repeated hourly as newcomers join the story tellers. A few tales are being repeated so often that they are beginning to show the ability and gameness of Leonard as lightweight champion of the world, without too much additional commentary.

A favorite Leonard yarn, of course, is the one dealing with the time Benny fought Lew Tendler in one of the many defenses of his title. Lew, as you know, was quite a belter. Sure enough, midway through the contest slugger Lew caught Benny with a hook to the head and a blow to the body that had the champ going the dream-land route. As Lew squared off to administer the coup de grace Leonard threw his arms around the Philly larruper and mumbled, "is that the hardest you can punch, Lew." Lew was so flabbergasted that he stopped throwing leather and gave Benny enough of a respite to get on his bicycle. In a moment the champ was clear headed again, and went ahead to defend his title in his customary class. Tendler was one punch away from the title but let the wily champion talk him out of throwing that vital punch.

Another tale demonstrating the shrewdness of the New York lightweight king deals with the time he fought Ritchie Mitchell, a tough, grizzled campaigner. The bout was staged in the old Madison Square Garden. As the two battlers came to the center of the ring for instructions from the referee Benny looked at Mitchell and repeated to the arbiter, "Let me get this straight now, every time I knock Mitchell down I have to go to a neutral corner. Is that right." Mitchell looked bewildered as the referee nodded agreement. He was a beaten man psychologically right then and there. Benny put him away in seven heats.

Upon another occasion Benny was slated to fight a tough customer in Milwaukee. On the way he took violently ill on the train. He was seized with severe stomach cramps and felt weaker by the minute as the train neared the fight site. "I'll never be able to fight ten rounds tonight," Benny advised his manager. "I'll have to knock this guy out early." Sure enough game Benny wobbled into the ring and boffed his man out in six rounds.

Colored ring patrons like to point out that Leonard, unlike other champions of his area, notably Dempsey, did not shy away from Negro contenders. He gave every logical man a crack at his title. One day a group of Negro business men approached him hesitantly and asked him if he would give a battler named Jackson a shot at the crown. "He's a lightweight, isn't he," queried Leonard. The match was arranged and the champ starched the contender in the first canto.

Among ring historians Leonard is generally rated close to the top among the lightweights of all time. He has been placed in the same class with the immortal Joe Gans. Benny never cared particularly where he stood in the all-time rankings. When asked about it he philosophized, "if they have to go all the way back to Joe Gans to find my equal or better, I'm satisfied."

A lot of people are going to miss Benny. The boxing writers have lost a great pal. He was a credit as a boxing referee, having moved into the top bracket, handling the biggest fights in New York City. In recent years Benny turned more to his people and was taking an active part in the Zionist sponsored Maccabi athletic games which are becoming an annual spring feature in New York City. In fact, he was helping complete final arrangements for the meet to be held this week at one of the larger arenas in the city.

As a hurried gesture the committee in charge has arranged a Benny Leonard Memorial Trophy to be presented to Branch Rickey for the "year's outstanding contribution to good sportsmanship and leadership in the promotion of racial tolerance in signing Jackie Robinson, Negro player, to a baseball contract." Rickey will accept the trophy at the "Sports on Parade" program.

Hebrew Essay Contest

NEW YORK—An essay contest among the Rabbinical students and young Rabbis on the subject, "The Place and Value of Hebrew in the Life of the Jewish People," has been announced by Histruth Ivrit. A first prize of \$100 and a second prize of \$50 will be awarded for the two best essays.

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READER QUOTES CHAPTER AND VERSE TO PROVE CHARGES AGAINST CONGRESS

Editor, National Jewish Post,

Before you denounce critics of The American Jewish Congress as "smealers" you should know that the organization is Communist-controlled. During the last two years there has been a purge of Zionist employees and they have been replaced with Communists and fellow travellers.

The executive secretary of Manhattan is Bernard Harkavy, a well-known Communist from the East Side in New York, who frequently speaks at Communist-front rallies and he is not a Zionist. Mr. Shatz, executive secretary of the Bronx Division has a Communist background; his last connection was with the Furriers Union, which is dominated by the Communist party. Mrs. Silverman, organizer for the Women's Division in Brooklyn, has referred to the resistance fighters in Palestine as worse than Nazi-Fascists in speeches at meetings. The list is very long.

I further wish to point out that affiliated with the American Jewish Congress is the Communist Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, whose position on Palestine is the same as the Arab League. What is this group doing in the A.J.C.? It's work is approved in the Communist publication, "Political Affairs," which in the November 1946 issue discussing the Communist party resolution on Jewish work among the Jewish masses states, "We must support the independent activities and influence of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and help to develop its position in the American Jewish Congress."

At the January meeting of the National Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Congress, a motion was made to investigate Communist influence in the organization. The opposition of Dr. Wise squelched it. Last February a special meeting of the Brooklyn Division was held to hear charges of Communist-domination in the American Jewish Congress. The pro-Zionists had prepared a mimeographed booklet showing that the American Jewish Congress was rapidly becoming a Communist-front organization. This meeting was so bitter that it lasted from 8:30 p. m. until 2 a. m. the following morning.

Despite the gravity of the Palestine situation, I challenge the present officials to show any activity in behalf of Zionism during the last two years.

On April 28, the United Nations will meet to take up the question of Palestine. The Z.O.A. is campaigning to have Jews write

or wire President Truman or Warren Austin urging a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council which deals with purely local matters and is composed of many non-Zionist groups has sent letters to representatives and telegrams to presidents of its affiliated organizations instructing them to demand from Washington favorable action on Palestine.

The American Jewish Congress which was founded as a Zionist group, has done nothing in this respect. For the longest time branches have received no instruction regarding any Zionist activity. When Mr. Petegorsky, the executive secretary, at the special February meeting was asked what the American Jewish Congress was doing in behalf of Palestine, he pointed to a wall map printed by the organization showing the Zionist leaders at the Basle Congress and to an A.J.C. ten-cent pamphlet and he replied, "This is my answer." Let him deny it.

On April 17 at the Manhattan Center in New York the American Jewish Congress had a Warsaw Ghetto Memorial meeting. A playlet was presented, written by Howard Fast, who is an editor of the Communist New Masses. Arthur Miller, a Communist fellow-traveller, then gave the Communist position on the Jewish question. Later, a representative of the Soviet dominated Polish regime spoke. He condemned critics of Stalin's imperialism in Europe and spoke glowingly of the New Poland. He forgot to mention the 1500 Jews who were killed in pogroms by Poles. The audience could tolerate it no longer and there were catcalls, boos and jeers directed at the speaker. Jews of New York came to a Warsaw Ghetto memorial meeting, called by the American Jewish Congress, and received instead Communist propaganda.

On May 1, 1946, the management of the American Jewish Congress dismissed all employees early so that they could march in the Communist May Day parade. Will they do the same this year?

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Secularization Hit By Orthodox Head

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DETROIT—Speaking here today at the opening session of the eleventh annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, president, declared that "the secularization of Jewish life has become a cancerous growth on the body of the American Jewish community which is eating away the vitals of American Jewry. This secularization," he continued, "has entered every field of Jewish interest, Education, the Jewish Center movement, Philanthropy and Zionism."

Rabbi Miller proposed that the Rabbinical Council of America fight this trend towards secularization, by emphasizing the divine nature of Jewry's traditions and way of life. "We must seek to instill a moral and spiritual viewpoint in the daily activities of the Jewish community in this country," he reiterated.

Orthodox Group Flays Labor Baiting

DETROIT—Following a pattern set by Reform and Conservative rabbis, the Rabbinical Council (Orthodox) of America, which convened this week in Detroit, condemned "labor baiting and red-labelling" as a mask to fight the labor movement.

A statement issued by the group said, "The laboring man has the right to look to religious leadership to defend his hard-won rights. . . ."

The statement also said, "The synagogue knows no class distinctions," and said the worker should be served "along with the employer, the professional worker and the intellectual." Support of revival of the wartime Fair Employment Practices law also was endorsed.

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